



Gavin and Stacey star Robert Wilfort was at hand to switch on Porthcawl town's Christmas lights.
(See page 7 for report and pictures).

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'Concern over Assembly Government funding as.... RESIDENTS FACE 5 PER CENT COUNCIL TAX RISE'

HOUSEHOLDERS in Bridgend face council tax rises of just under five per cent from next April.

The draft revenue budget for 2010-2011 was approved by the cabinet this week. It assumes that the council's revenue support grant from the Welsh Assembly will rise by 2.6 per cent – higher than the Welsh average of 2.1 per cent.

These figures are provisional at this stage and may alter before next spring.

Despite having a higher than average increase, the cabinet member for resources, Coun Huw David, has written to the Welsh Assembly Government expressing concern about the "overall inadequacy" of the funding allocated to local government.

The draft budget has been worked out with a council tax increase of 4.8 per cent

factored in. This will result in an increase at Band D of £48 a year – pushing it up to £1057. This will give the council a total budget of £232m, compared to £223m in the current financial year.

The South Wales Police precept and the precept levied by town and community councils have to be added on to the total figure paid by householders.

Bands A to C will pay less and Bands E and upwards will pay more.

Major upgrade as Porthcawl harbour regeneration scheme gets the go-ahead

A MAJOR scheme to upgrade Porthcawl harbour using money from the sale of development land in the town has been approved – subject to EU funding also being available.

Bridgend's cabinet approved plans on Tuesday to submit a bid for Welsh European Office Funding for regenerating the harbour in the resort.

This will be done as part of the Porthcawl Waterfront regeneration plan.

The work includes engineering and stabilisation work to the walls and breakwater, the dredging of the dock, a new lock gate and the introduction of pontoons and improved access to the basin.

The work will result in an increase in berthing numbers, which will strengthen the commercial and leisure use of the harbour.

The report goes on: "In tandem with the marketing of the site north of the harbour for leisure uses, and opportunities associated with the Jennings Building and Cosy Corner, the harbour area would become the focus for the waterfront and greatly strengthen the leisure and tourism offer of the town."

In his report, regeneration officer Andrew Parry Jones said that the cabinet had already agreed in May to use part of the receipts from the sale of land in the first phase of the regeneration scheme as match

funding for a regeneration project on the waterfront. At the moment, the first phase of the regeneration, which is the provision of a supermarket on the Hillsboro Place car park-Salt Lake car park site, is still being marketed and a short list of developers has been agreed.

These developers are now in dialogue with the council before detailed tenders are submitted. The council is expected to select a developer by February.

Funding could be available under a "centre of excellence" concept which has already been approved.

Councils in the Swansea Bay area are working together to develop a water sports theme.

Bridgend has been collaborating with Swansea to submit a joint bid. The focus at the Porthcawl end would be on the harbour plus some improvements at Rest Bay in relation to beach access and facilities.

It is also planned to create a new water sports event to bring in visitors and boost the local economy.

The grant available under the Centre of Excellence project would be 60 per cent of

the total.

The total cost of the Porthcawl scheme, including necessary work on the harbour walls, is £3.1m – of which £2.2m is eligible for a grant.

This means that after funding, there will be a funding gap of £1.78m, reducing to £1.48m after an allocation of £300,000 from the Special Regeneration Fund.

The deadline for submitting a bid to WEFO for funding is December 14 – two months before the approval of a developer for the supermarket.

Mr Parry Jones said that the council can submit a bid and indicate the expected source of the match funding.

Mr Parry Jones added that the agreement to use some of the receipts from the sale of the land for this purpose was dependent on the scale of the receipts actually received.

Bridgend's cabinet has agreed to ring fence £1.48m of the capital receipts from the sale of land in phase one of the Porthcawl Harbourside Regeneration for this work, subject to a satisfactory capital receipt actually being received.

Carwyn is elected as new leader

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones is to take over from Rhodri Morgan as First Minister of the Welsh Assembly.

Mr Jones, who is currently the Counsel General, won a resounding victory over rivals Edwina Hart and Huw Lewis in the battle for the Labour leadership in Wales.

He secured 52 per cent of the vote within Labour's electoral college, winning every seat, including the one covering the unions where Edwina Hart was widely regarded as the front runner owing to her union background.

Mr Jones, who lives in Bridgend with his wife Lisa and two children Ruari and Seren, was brought up in the town, attending Brynteg Comprehensive.

His mother Janice was head of Bryncethin Primary School, and he went there until the age of 11. His father Caron is also a retired teacher.

Mr Jones, 42, comes from Welsh-speaking family and was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council, representing Pendre Ward when the council was established in 1996.

He was elected to the Assembly when it was set up in 1999.

Mr Jones is also a barrister and former law lecturer. He held the job of



Carwyn Jones, the new leader of Welsh Labour.

Minister for Rural Affairs during the foot and mouth crisis.

Crucially, Mr Jones was a key member of Team Bridgend – set up by Labour after it lost control of the council in the 2004 elections.

The party turned itself around locally by re-connecting with the voters on the doorsteps and listening to what people wanted, swept back to power last year – one of the few councils re-taken by Labour against a national trend to lose control.

Party members will be hoping that Mr Jones will take the experience he gained on the knocker in Bridgend to the party nationally to bring about a renaissance of its fortunes within Wales.

As a Welsh speaker, like Rhodri Morgan, Mr Jones will also be able to build bridges with the Welsh-speaking areas of north and west Wales.

Mr Jones will formally take over on December 9 when he will be elected by AMs in the Senedd. He will then set about forming a cabinet.

He has been a regular contributor to The GEM with a column in which he has shared news of what's happening at the Assembly and within Wales.

Cynffig School wins 'Youth Speaks' contest



The winners with Bobby Lewis, the president of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl.

Four are charged after taxi is stolen

FOUR teenagers have been charged following an incident in the early hours of Saturday morning at Sarn Services, when a taxi driver was assaulted and his vehicle stolen.

A police spokesman stated that the four had been charged with robbery and aggravated taking of a vehicle. They include a 17-year-old male youth, an 18-year-old man and two 19-year-old men, all from the Bridgend area. Two had been remanded in custody and two released on bail.

Investigating officers say they want to speak to two unidentified females who were at the petrol station at Sarn Services at about 5am.

Anyone with information can contact Detective Inspector Jason Redrup at Bridgend CID on 01656 679518, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Landslip closes railway line

FOLLOWING a landslip on the railway near Tondu, the line between Bridgend and Tondu will be closed until further notice for rail engineers to undertake repairs, it was announced yesterday.

Arriva Trains Wales said that it has organised buses between Bridgend and Maesteg, but passengers were advised to check on their planned journeys and allow more time for travelling.

*This offer can be used in part payment of a single order of 800 litres of home heating oil, commercial customers receive £10 off lubricant orders of 200 litres or more. Only one offer per order. Offer valid from 24/11/09 to 31/01/10.

CALLING MINISTERS TO ACCOUNT AT QUESTION TIME IN THE COMMONS

OVER the past weeks, I have been attempting to explain how Parliament functions on a day-to-day basis – and, hopefully, convey to you what it is I do when I'm 160 miles away in London.

I have thus far covered the work of the Select Committees, and specifically the Defence Select Committee, of which I am a member.

I explained how one of the most important aspects of my job is to scrutinise and vote on legislation – explaining how a Bill goes from being a White Paper, to a draft Bill to going through scrutiny in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and finally receiving Royal Assent and becoming law.

This week, I hope to explain how I question Ministers on a regular

basis, and how you can follow my activities in Parliament from the comfort of your own homes.

Parliamentary questions are tools used by Members of Parliament to seek information or to press for action. They oblige Ministers to explain and defend the work, policy decisions and actions of their departments.

Each government department has an oral question session every five weeks, in which any backbencher is able to directly question the department's Ministers.

These are generally more serious and useful versions of the gladiatorial event that is the Prime Minister's weekly Questions session.

All MPs are able to table a substantive question for answer which needs to be sent to the table office three days beforehand. After the cut-off at 12.30pm on each last tabling day, there is a random com-

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Bridgend MP
MADELEINE MOON
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puter shuffle of the names of MPs who have tabled questions.

The successful questions are then printed in the blue pages of the vote bundle (a collection of administrative papers) on the following day, in the order in which they will be called.

Other than for the Prime Minister, the wording of oral questions must give an indication of the subject of the intended supplementary question.

In practice, this means the question that I submit for sessions tends to be quite general; such as my recent question to the Environment Minister (my neighbour) Huw Irranca Davies: on what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of his department's policies to protect the natural environment; and if he would make a statement.

In the House, when called, MPs ask their question by standing up and stating the question number, "Number one, Mr Speaker" – this of course doesn't help those without an order paper to follow what is going on.

After the Minister answers, the Member is called to ask a supplementary question. This tends to be much more specific, and will address the issue the MP was

trying to get at initially. The Minister will not know what this supplementary question is, for example, the supplementary to the question above was in relation to an event I hosted in Parliament earlier that week, regarding the importance of maintaining our biodiversity.

Other Members will then be called to ask a supplementary to the same question, thus providing a party political balance. In practice, if I ask a question, it would be expected that a Conservative and/or a Liberal Democrat MP would subsequently also be called by the Speaker.

These must also relate to the subject matter of the original question – although it is up to the Speaker how loose this relationship can be.

A recent innovation which came into force in the past year is the introduction of 'topical questions' for the final 15 minutes of these question sessions.

The format is the same as before; however, the Minister has no advance knowledge of the question to be asked.

The idea is to ensure that events which occur in the days leading up to question sessions are raised with Ministers, keeping these sessions relevant to the world

outside, as well as within the walls of Parliament.

Beyond these sessions, MPs are also able to table written parliamentary questions to a department at any time, and the relevant Minister is expected to answer within a week.

It is generally thought that the first recorded question was asked in the House of Lords. In 1721, Earl Cowper asked the Government whether there was any truth in the report that the Chief Cashier of the South Sea Company, Robert Knight, had fled the country and had been arrested in Brussels.

A reply providing the facts of the case was given by the Earl of Sunderland.

Since then, the use of the questions procedure has grown significantly. In the session of 1847, there were 129 questions. In 1900, there were 5,106.

In the more recent 2007–08 session, 5,151 questions appeared on the Order paper for oral

answer and 73,357 for written answer.

Finally, you can follow all of my activities in Parliament (in the chamber at least) via the website www.theyworkforyou.com. This is a charity-run website which will tell you every time I speak in Parliament, or receive an answer to a Parliamentary Question.

It also details my voting record, gives details of committees I've sat on, details my expenses, links to my register of interests, and ranks my activities against others.

I very much encourage you to have a look at this website and to follow my activities through it.

The website's aim is to – "help bridge the growing democratic disconnect, in the belief that there is little wrong with Parliament that a healthy mixture of transparency and public engagement won't fix".

I couldn't agree more.

MP praised for support work



Madeleine Moon and Douglas Alexander.
BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon's campaigning work for Aids victims won praise from a Government minister on World Aids Day (December 1).

Douglas Alexander, Labour's International Development Secretary, said:

"Madeleine has been a passionate campaigner on this issue and has pressed me to do more to help."

"We have made tackling this disease a top priority and I am proud that, under Labour, the UK has become the second largest funder tackling HIV/AIDS."

"Access to AIDS services across the developing world remains unacceptably low. Most prevention strategies are available to fewer than 1 in 5 people who need them."

"But we can make a difference," she added.

Housing debt: new helpline

IWOULD like to alert your readers who may be having trouble with housing debt, to a new service being offered by the Consumer Credit Counselling Service in Bridgend.

Housing debt is an increasing problem in the current economic climate, sometimes made worse by Christmas financial pressures, and too often people turn to unscrupulous loan sharks.

In July, the Consumer Credit Counselling Service launched a service for people struggling with housing debt, called the Housing Debt Helpline.

This is a free telephone service which offers in-depth counselling for people who are at risk of losing their homes. The telephone number is: 0800 107 1340.

I would urge anyone who thinks that they are at risk of losing their home to seek help as soon as possible, either through this service, their local Citizens Advice Bureau, or Shelter Cymru.

Jocelyn Davies AM
(Deputy Minister for Housing)

Ogmore AM turns detective!

Ogmore AM Janice Gregory turned detective when WWF Cymru staged a Climate Crime Scene at the National Assembly in Cardiff Bay.

The AM said: "Climate change left unchecked, will have devastating impacts for people and wildlife across the planet."

"We simply must secure a strong deal between nations in Copenhagen to seriously tackle this problem."

"I ask the people of the Ogmore constituency to sign up to WWF's campaign to show their support and help safeguard our planet."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 10)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15–20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
03 Thur	07.59	14.6	20.38	14.8
04 Fri	08.53	14.8	21.24	14.6
05 Sat	09.46	14.7	22.16	14.5
06 Sun	10.28	14.5	22.59	14.2
07 Mon	11.25	14.2	23.57	13.7
08 Tues			12.18	13.6
09 Wed	00.49	13.4	13.11	13.4
10 Thur	01.39	13.1	14.06	13.1

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Friends celebrate £20,000 fundraising cheque for school



THE PTA committee at St John's School, Porthcawl known as 'The Friends', were delighted to hear at their recent AGM that fundraising efforts had brought in a grand total of £20,612 in two years!

Chairperson, Catherine Perkins of Cowbridge, said that this had not been easy in the current climate, but that they had been determined to raise funds to help equip the brand new

building which houses the school's pre-prep department (nursery to year-3).

"Pupils and staff were thrilled with the prospect of a new building and we wanted to help ensure that when it opened in September it was furnished and equipped to the highest standard.

"There is a very friendly, family atmosphere at St John's and the fundraising has been a great team effort. We have all been well rewarded with lots of happy, smiling children and teachers!" she commented.

Council reveals food premises inspection regime

THERE are more than 216 food premises in Bridgend which need to be inspected at least once a year, including 26 category A premises and 190 Category B premises.

This information was given to Bridgend County Borough Council following a question lodged by Councillor David Unwin.

He pointed out that in the last financial year, the council had issued 554 written warnings and 55 hygiene improvement notices to a range of the 1,209 food premises in the borough that are subject to inspection.

He asked if the three extra environmental health officers being appointed in the wake of the e-coli outbreak were sufficient to cope adequately with the inspection regime.

Answering the query,

deputy leader David Sage said that the number of premises liable for high risk inspection will vary as new businesses open and old businesses close.

He said that the aim of the department is to inspect as many of the new businesses as possible, and also respond to complaints and take enforcement action where appropriate.

Councillor Sage added that a debate was still going on within the council about the level of additional staffing resources needed, and nothing has been finalised as yet.

High risk premises will be inspected in future by more than one officer at a time so as to ensure that officers are not misled by food operators.

Officers are also expected to keep detailed records of every visit, including notes on discussions with employees.

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Friends of St John's school with their bumper cheque.
In the foreground are happy pupils from the pre-prep department.
BACK, left to right, are Mrs Jane Ward Thompson, Mrs Christine Thorne (treasurer), Mrs Clare Skalitzky-Newman (deputy chairperson), Mrs Catherine Perkins (chairperson), Mrs Helen Hoven, Mrs Liz Louger (deputy head and head of pre-prep department), Mrs Carol Clint (headmistress) and Mrs Marija Lewis (bursar).

The GEM Quiz League round-up

REASONABLY good scores in Division One of The GEM Quiz League on Monday, November 23.

The leaders, Royal Oak Nomads, made 53 against Tondu Railway Club's 40.

As well as being top score, it took Nomads' average to exactly 50. The written section almost guaranteed a win as they had 30 out of 32.

Three other teams in the division got 47, Maesteg Catholic Club, beat Laleston Inn 'A', who got 41.

Maesteg stay joint second in the table together with Oldcastle 'A', 47-35 winners at Llynfi Arms and Mackworth Arms whose 47-39 victory at Llangeinor AFC moves them up to fourth.

In the remaining game in Division One, Prince of Wales 'A' couldn't quite hold off Royal Oak Royals for whom, apparently, Chris Thomas hit top form.

In Division Two, seven of the 10 sides managed 40 or more. The Llangewydd Arms had 48 at Cabo Roche who got 41. Prince of Wales 'B' won 46-41 at Heol-y-Cyw RFC and

are on 100 per cent at top of the division.

Oldcastle 'B' won 46-34 against Laleston Inn 'B'.

The Poachers, who are now back at the Pheasant, had a 40-all draw versus Oddfellows Arms. Finally, the Gamekeepers beat Pyle RFC 38-32.

Here are your four weekly teasers:

1. The battles of Lewes and Evesham marked the highs and lows of Simon de Montfort's rebellion against which English King?

2. The Sendero Luminoso were a terrorist group in which South American country?

3. Name the last American to win motor racing's Formula One world championship?

4. Name either of the planets in our solar system that have no natural satellites or moons?

A RUDGE (Hon sec BGQL)

THE Wales Air Ambulance is appealing for volunteers to help support the service in the Porthcawl, Bridgend and Cowbridge areas.

"The charity, which needs to raise over £5 million each year, is looking for anyone who can donate some time to the emergency service at local events," a spokeswoman stated.

A range of opportunities is available, including public speaking, cheque presentations, helping on stalls and bucket collections.

Funded solely by pub-

lic donations, Wales Air Ambulance provides rapid medical cover across the country from its three airbases.

"Since its launch on St David's Day in 2001, the service has carried out almost 12,000 missions. The crews can reach any corner of Wales within just 20 minutes.

For further information, call Margaret Squire on 0844 85 84 999; email margaret.squire@walesairambulance.com; or write to Wales Air Ambulance, Ty Elusen, Phoenix Way, Swansea, SA7 9LA.

Tabernacle charity Christmas concert

TABERNACLE Music Society in Bridgend will celebrate Christmas with a performance of 'Christmas Cantata' by Geoffrey Bush, followed by a selection of carols old and new, some with audience participation.

Guest soloist is soprano Menna Cazel Davies from Pontypridd, holder of the senior 'Vale Singer of the Year' title since 2007. In 2008, at the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff, she won the 'Operatic Solo' for competitors aged 19-25 and the Osbourne Roberts Memorial Trophy, the Blue Riband for singers of all voices in her age group.

Also making their first appearance with TMS will be the South Wales Clarinet Choir, ANNE THOMAS

PORTHCAWL ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Local Rotarians help to provide Shelter Boxes for world disaster victims

SHELTER BOX is an international disaster relief charity specialising in emergency shelter provision, which responds to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid.

Each box supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced.

The cost of a box is £490, including delivery, direct to those who need it. Every box bears its own unique number so as a donor you can track your box all the way to its recipient, via www.shelterbox.org.

Highly-trained Shelter Box disaster response teams distribute boxes on the ground, working with local organisations, international aid agencies and Rotary clubs worldwide.

Since 2001, Shelter Box has responded to more than 80 disasters in more than 50 countries.

At the end of September and the beginning of October, a string of catastrophic disasters struck areas around the Pacific within days of each other. Typhoons, tsunamis and earthquakes affected hundreds of thousands of people, wiping out whole communities in the Philippines, Samoa and Sumatra.

As a result, 1,622 boxes were sent out in

September alone, bringing the total in 2009 to the end of September to a staggering 6,095. We now need to restock.

With this in mind, we are pleased to report that locally three Shelter boxes have been forwarded to disaster areas – two boxes sponsored by St Clares Lower School being sent to Agadez in Niger and one box sponsored by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl sent to Sumatra after the massive Indonesian earthquake.

We would very much like to send further Shelter Boxes at a cost of £490 each but need help in the form of a donation (of whatever value you decide).

Forward to Walters Shoes, 38 John Street, Porthcawl, CF36 3BD or The Clarks Shop, The Rhiw, Bridgend, CF31 3BL. (Please make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Porthcawl). We will, of course, ensure that all donations are forwarded to Shelter Box.

TUDOR RALPH

Support for white Ribbon



Bridge FM's Lee Jukes and Domestic Abuse Coordinator Natalie Tanner support the White Ribbon Campaign.

MEMBERS of Bridgend Town RFC were among local personalities who backed Safer Bridgend in supporting the International White Ribbon Campaign for the eradication of violence against women.

Bridge FM presenter Lee Jukes said: "The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women. I'm proud to wear my ribbon and add my support to the campaign."

Bridgend County

Borough Council's domestic abuse co-ordinator Natalie Tanner, commented: "Domestic abuse is not a relationship problem; it is about one person gaining and maintaining control over another."

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Ysgol Pencoed pupils show they really 'can' break a world record!



AS part of the Bridge FM Metal Miles project Ysgol Pencoed pupils turned up at 9am last Thursday morning at Bridgend Recreation Centre to help achieve a world record.

The aim was to lay out more than 91,000 drinks cans in a continuous line on the floor of the main hall in order to beat a nursing home in

Singapore's efforts last year which managed 90,769 cans. They achieved it with 106,300 cans!

Mr Pownall, the school's ESDGC coordinator and the six eco reps lay down cans in perfect lines for six hours taking, only a 20-minute break.

Mr Pownall said: "This was a fantastic effort by the pupils involved."

"They kept everyone's spirits up and gelled as an effective

team. Of course, this was not just about a world record. It highlights the issue of the vast amount of recyclable material we use and often discard in a non-environmentally friendly way".

Left to right:
Eve Thomas,
Aaron Woodland,
Cerys Dyke, Katie
Fleming, Carwen
Sheridan, Toby
Daniell.

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

MPN Windows – MPN Windows, 10A Ewenny Road, Bridgend – retention of various signs.

Mr J James – 58 John Street, Porthcawl – fascia folded tray sign with illumination.

Dovey Estates Limited – Parc Plaza, Waterton Cross, Waterton, Bridgend – freestanding internally illuminated retail park signage.

Dr J Skiffins – 28 West End Avenue, Porthcawl – prune four trees to rear ((1977) OBC No 05).

St Clare's School – St

Clare's School, Clevis Lane, Porthcawl – reduce various poplar

trees by approximately 1/3rd and fell pine tree. United Welsh Housing – roundabout site, Coity Road, Bridgend – relax condition 5 of 09/10 to provide min 2.5 metre wide footway along site frontage to Coity Road.

Tesco Stores Ltd – Tesco, Castle Street, Maesteg – new mole door in external wall of existing Tesco store building.

RVW Consulting – 1-4 City Road and 1-7 West View, Bettws, Bridgend – pre-determination application for demolition of houses,

flats and maisonettes. Mr G Parry – 9 The Retreat, Porthcawl – fascia folded tray sign with illumination.

Dovey Estates Limited – Parc Plaza, Waterton Cross, Waterton, Bridgend – retention of various signs.

Mr J James – 58 John Street, Porthcawl – fascia folded tray sign with illumination.

Mr M Hayes – 3 South View, Pontycymmer – loft conversion with dormers to front.

Mr N Cahill – Brynteg, Heol Dewi Sant, Bettws, Bridgend – bedroom/bathroom extension at first floor level above existing rear annexe.

Dovey Estates Ltd – land at Waterton Cross, Hernstone Lane, Bridgend – remove condition 20 of 08/320 to facilitate the use of unit 2 by Agors.

Mr G Howell – 19 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill – alterations to existing dwelling with two storey extension to rear and side.

Mr C Handley – 20 Newbridge Gardens, Bridgend – two storey side extension.

Acro Harrow Ltd – Units 7 and 8, Ogmore Crescent, Bridgend – installation of sprinkler tank and associated pump house in connection with approved permission P/09/400/FUL.

Mr PW Wools – 27 Pen yr Heol, Penyfai, Bridgend – rear flat roof extension.

Stedan Estates – vacant land at Glanavon Terrace, Maesteg –

News in and out of class at Litchard Primary School

Christmas starts here

OUR annual

Christmas sing-a-long with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band is on Sunday, December 6, at 6pm.

There will be carols sung by the school choir, mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas fayre

CARRYING ON with the Christmas activities, our School Christmas fayre will take place on Friday, December 11, at 2.30pm in the Junior Hall.

We have many stalls planned, including books, cakes, toys and games, tombola, crafts, Santa's Grotto.

If anyone is interested in running their own stall at the fayre, please contact the school office.

Any good quality items for our stalls or the tombola would be greatly appreciated. Donations of cakes will be accepted on December 11 only.

Christmas lunch

CHRISTMAS lunch for the children will be

served on Wednesday, December 9 (junior department) and Wednesday, December 16 (infant department).

Christmas concerts

THE children and staff of our junior department have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas concerts. Years 5 and 6 production of *Mr Humbug Sees the Light* is on Wednesday, December 16, while Year 3 and 4 will be performing *Tinsel and Tea Towels* on Thursday, December 17.

There will be performances at 2pm-6pm.

Choir activities

THE school choir will be out and about entertaining the public again this year! The choir consisting of our children from year 2-year 6 will be singing at the RAF St Athan Christmas sing-a-long on December 6, at Nolton Church on December 9, and at the MacArthur Glen Designer outlet on December 18.

Children In Need Day

THANK YOU to

everyone that dressed up today as 'Superheroes' for Children in Need Day. We managed to raise £355!

Super swimmers

WELL done to the following Infants, who have all received swimming certificates recently: Year 2, Olivia Howe – 10m Rainbow award; Eva Smith – Stage 2 National Swim award; Ella Jones – 25m Swim award; Dafydd Pett – Stage 3 National Swim award; Lucy Thomas – 10m Butterfly Distance award & 10m Breaststroke Distance award and Nadine Johnstone – National and Rainbow Swim award.

Man of the match

WELL done to Ellis Penman who was named man of the match recently, when he played in London against the Saracens. The match finished at 3-5.

Medal winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Lewys Hall from year 1, who recently won a bronze medal

from the holiday club for hard work while on holiday.

Christmas concerts

THE early year's concerts are on December 8-9 at 9.30am. The concerts for KS1 Years 1 & 2 will take place on December 10, at 1.45pm and December 11, at 9.30am.

Christmas crafts

A Christmas craft club for parents and children under three will be held at Wildmill Community Centre from 1pm-2.30pm.

The club will end on December 16, but will continue with fun activities in the New Year, if successful.

There is no charge and free tea and coffee is included. For further information, contact Rachel Humphreys on 07816 548 833.

Beauty and the beast

PROVISION has been made for the children not attending the pantomime on December 15. Please send them to school as normal. Every child will need a packed lunch for that day. Thank you.

maisonettes.

Mr G Parry – 9 The Retreat, Porthcawl – single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

Mrs D Spedding – 6 Heol Onnen, North Cornelly – rear flat roof dormer extension.

Mr S Webb – 2 Heol Glynpandy, Llangeinor, Bridgend – single storey side extension.

Mr A Powell – Maes yr Haf, Kier Hardy Road, Maesteg – certificate of lawfulness for existing use as dwelling house in breach of agricultural occupancy condition.

Mr S Pemberton – 4 George Street, Maesteg – demolish existing toilet lean-to and construct bathroom, conservatory and detached garage.

Linc-Cymru Housing Assn Ltd – former Goricon Met Serv Site, Picton Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – demolish existing workshop and office buildings and construct 29 new dwelling units and landscape works.

Mrs H Patel – Gilfach Orffydd, Dimbath Lane, Blackmill, Bridgend – retention of four ponds.

Mr S Strong – 136 Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl – single storey extension to rear.

PJK Developments Ltd – 11 Long Acme Drive, Porthcawl – dormer extensions to front and rear.

Mr MA Evans – 1-4 City Road and 1-7 West View, Bettws, Bridgend – dormer extension to the front/southern elevation of the property.

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ALUN CAIRNS

Constituency surgeries – Monday 7th December

9.30-10.15am St Mary's RC Church, Bridgend
10.45-11.30am Pencoed Library
12.00-12.45pm Maesteg Library
1.30-2.15pm Porthcawl YMCA

Please note: this is a change from the planned date of December 14, 2009.

For an appointment, please contact 029 20 89 8733
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PACT

THIS gives the opportunity for residents living in the Bryncoch and Sarn wards to discuss their concerns with the local community police and council officials at Sarn Community Centre at 7pm on Monday, December 7.

Art**exhibition**

TONDU Art Society is holding an exhibition at Aberkenfig Library until December 31. The exhibition is free.

The society meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig on Tuesday evenings between 7pm-9pm.

**Save our
Soldiers
concert**

I MUST apologise for last week's article, in which I had been incorrectly informed about the date and venue of this charity event.

The concert is actually taking place at Aberkenfig athletics and social club, Bridgend Road on December 4 at 7pm. It involves the Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir and Claire Michelle Edwards from Pencoed. She was the first winner of the Bridgend young singer of the year competition in 2003, which she again won the following year.

Conferences

Aberkenfig Bible Church in Pandy Road, is holding a series of conferences on Friday, December 4 at 7.30pm, Saturday, at 10.30am, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; also Sunday, December 6 at 10.30am.

The Fire Storm conference for Wales has two speakers from Dudley, Trevor and Sharon Baker who followed the church's tradition of meeting and helping the local community. They now have an active congregation of over 600 in their home area.

Aberkenfig Bible Church serves the community in a number of ways; it has a Centre café which is open Tuesdays to Fridays every week between 10am-2pm, where it serves welcome hot drinks and meals to anyone in the community.

It has also set up among its members an organisation entitled 'Helping Hands'. During the spring and summer it helps the elderly, disabled and single parents

AM's SURGERIES

CARWYN JONES AM, Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold constituency surgeries on December 4, as follows:

Bryntirion OCL Club, (1.30pm-2.15pm); Laleston, The Oystercatcher, (2.30pm-3.15pm); Broadlands, Llangeydd Arms, (3.30pm-4pm).

The AM will hold a constituency surgery on December 12, at 9.30am-11.30am, in his Bridgend Constituency Office, Emyllyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1DQ.

Saturday morning surgery operates with an appointments system. Home visits can be arranged by contacting the constituency office, Emyllyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1DQ; telephone: 01656 664320; fax 01656 669349; email Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:
If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.
I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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TEL: 01656 725399
email: tynycoid1@yahoo.co.uk



with gardening, do it yourself etc. They supply materials, such as paint, free of charge, to those who can not afford the cost, and all labour costs are free of charge.

Over the next few weeks, they will be distributing Christmas hampers to all in the above categories, and any one else who has fallen on hard times.

Choir**concert**

Ogmore Valley male voice choir is taking part in a concert at St Bride's church, Llansantffraid tomorrow (Friday, December 4) at 7pm.

School**warning**

Tynyrehol primary school, Llangeinor headteacher Mr Martin Griffiths,

would like to remind responsible adults to ensure that children in their care wear a coat to school, for use during break times or 'outdoor' curriculum activities.

Classes 2 and 3 will be holding their Christmas concerts on December 8 at 1.30pm and December 9 at 6pm.

Class 1 will be holding their Nativity play on Friday, December 11 at 9.30am.

**Festive
trail**

South and West Wales Wildlife Trust is meeting at Ogmore Constituency Labour Party Social Club, Bryntirion, Bridgend on Monday, December 7 at 7.30pm, when members are making short presentations on wildlife or environmental issues.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

At Parc Slip nature reserve, Tondu on Tuesday, December 8 between 10am-12noon, a festive trail around the reserve will include snowmen.

Children under six years of age will be encouraged to find these as they follow the trail and will be shown how to make various items

suitable for Christmas.

Musical talent

I WAS invited to attend the Bridgend CBC 'Young Singer of the Year' competition auditions at Aberkenfig Bible Church last Saturday and I was truly amazed.

The talent and confidence displayed by these youngsters aged between 11 and 18 was outstanding and the tutors at the schools who teach these youngsters deserve a special mention. The youngsters learn a variety of music, ranging from West End theatrical musicals to classical opera. The adjudicators and the accompanists had a really difficult task listening to songs sung not only in English, but Welsh, Italian and German.

In fact, the adjudicators were still struggling to decide on Saturday night, who were to go into junior and senior sections of the competition at the finals in Maesteg town hall on Saturday, January 30, 2010. They had to adjourn their discussions until Monday evening.

Brackla concert
THERE is a combined concert with pupils from Pen-Y-Bont primary school and the

Brackla community chorus choir at the hall on Friday, December 4 at 7.15pm.

Pen-y-Fai WI

JEAN GRIFFITHS, president, opened the November meeting, and congratulated members celebrating their birthday.

Mavis Hele read out the minutes of the last meeting, which was the AGM. Chris Davies advised members of forthcoming events, such as the Link carol service at Pen-y-Fai church on Monday, December 14 at 7pm. The Link consists of Coity, Maesteg, Tiriarll and course Pen-y-Fai WIs.

Anne Jones, a Glamorgan Federation committee member, reported on conference discussions which recently took place at the Memorial Hall in Barry.

The speaker for the evening had apologised the previous day that he was unable to attend the meeting, so president Jean Griffiths demonstrated how to make Christmas decorations out of garden foliage.

The next meeting is at Pen-y-Fai primary school hall on December 21 at 7pm. visitors and new members welcome.

NEWS FROM BRIDGEND CHESS CLUB**This time it is Bridgend Jedi who strike back!**

THE Bridgend Jedi saga rumbles on with a 3.5-1.5 thumping of Pentrech B.

Having narrowly missed out on the Division 4 title last term, as a result of Pentrech twice defeating the Jedi, the home team were determined to right that wrong.

The match was not without surprises, as Neil Stuart was held to a draw on board 1 by Ray Angle and Andrew Trickey slumped to defeat against Matthew Lunnon.

Having been a rook and three pawns up for the cost of a knight, Trickey left his queen at the mercy of a light-squared bishop.

Lunnon snatched out the gift and outplayed his Jedi counterpart for a deserved win.

The Jedi moved away from the dark side with wins from Mark Jones, Sean Day and Damon Davies, and the win keeps them in second place, still with a match in hand.

The Cavaliers from Cardiff were assimilated by Bridgend Borg largely due to two excellent top board performances from Jonathan Kell and Mark Jones.

Experience then conquered youthful enthusiasm as Hugh Price overcame Sean Day in a rook and two minor pieces endgame, and Anthony Baker came unstuck against Bill Wilkins.

However, win for Len Skinner, who beat Tiago Santos on board three, was enough to earn the Borg a narrow 3-2 win.

The Bridgend Simultaneous 2009

BRIDGEND Chess Club welcomed GM Nigel Davies on Sunday for a simultaneous exhibition and lecture session at the Bridgend Tennis and Bowls Club.

Having given his hosts a few pointers on how to improve as chess players, he then defeated everybody in attendance over the board, before returning home to Southport.

Adam Howell and Bob Hurn were the last two players left, but Davies flexed his chess muscles, and dismantled them both in clinical fashion.

East Glamorgan Chess League**Division 2**

	P	Pts
Penarth Pirates	7	24.5
Cardiff AJ's	8	24
Caerphilly Castles	8	23.5
Nelson Rhinos	8	21
Cardiff Dragons	8	19
Pentrech A	8	19
Bridgend Borg	7	18.5
Penarth Piers	8	18
North Cardiff Woodpushers	8	16.5
Cardiff Cavaliers	8	11

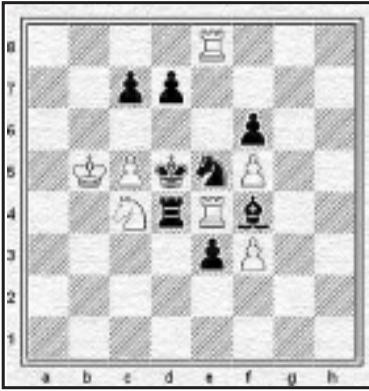
Division 3

	P	Pts
Barry Camelots	8	25
Bridgend Jedi	7	23.5
Pontypridd Phoenix	7	19.5
Caerphilly Knights	8	19
Barry Gambits	6	18.5
Pontypridd Marauders	6	17
Cardiff Crowns	7	15.5
Penarth Barons	7	14.5
Porthcawl A	7	12.5
Pentrech B	7	10

ANDREW TRICKEY

Chess puzzle

THE GEM has teamed up with Bridgend Chess Club to offer a weekly competition. Solve the chess puzzle below and submit your entry to us. Each week there is a free month's membership to Bridgend Chess Club up for grabs.

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Puzzle: BCC-005 Closing date for entries: 12/12/09 Entries to: The GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL. Email entries to: andrew@bridgendchessclub.org.uk

Name _____
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Answer: Puzzle BCC-003: 1. Rx e5+ dxe5 2. Rxd7+ Ke8 3. Qe6# - No winner.

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LAST Thursday, November 26, more than 100 volunteers helped to bring the Guinness World Record for the longest line of drink cans back home to Bridgend county!

A staggering total of 106,300 cans were laid out between 8.47am and 10pm, forming a single line with a total length of more than four miles, smashing the previous record, held by the Home Nursing Foundation in Singapore, who had laid out a line of 90,769 cans in 2007.

The Metal Miles initiative, run by Bridgend County Borough Council, and supported by 106.3 Bridge FM, was designed to raise recycling awareness throughout the county borough.

Bridgend had held the record previously

in 2006 when 84,498 cans had been laid which was more than three miles long.

Bridgend brought the record home with the help of 40 schools and a number of local businesses.

Prizes were awarded to the best can collecting schools, with Llangewydd Junior School topping the table having collected more than 40 cans per pupil.

In total more than 120,000 cans were collected!

The record attempt was in conjunction with the 'metal miles' campaign which encourages responsible recycling.

For more information on the record please ring 07912 307695 or email metalmiles@bridge.fm.

OWEN DAVIES



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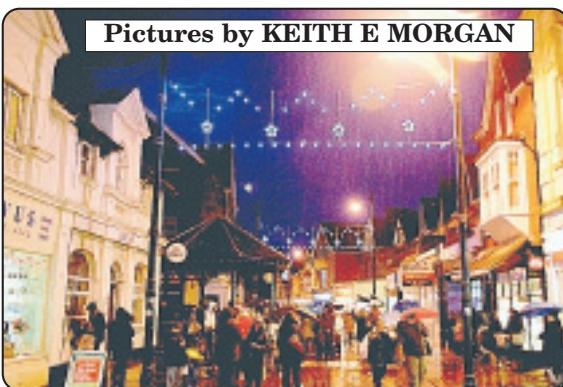
PORTHCAWL Christmas lights were officially switched on last Saturday, November 28.

Former Porthcawl Comprehensive pupil and local actor Robert Wilfort, who appears in the hit BBC comedy, Gavin and Stacey, was on hand to flick the switch.

As you can see from Keith E Morgan's pictorial record of the evening, despite the wind and rain everyone, particularly the children, had a great time.



Acoustic duo – Charlotte Hatchett of Porthcawl and finalist of the Can You Sing? talent competition 2009, accompanied by James Wyatt on guitar.



The colourful scene as Porthcawl's Christmas lights go on.



Performers from 'Beauty and the Beast', this year's pantomime at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, with Children at the Xmas Event.



ABOVE - LEFT TO RIGHT: Lee Jukes and Robert Wilfort presenting prizes to the winners of the children's art competition respectively for 3rd. prize, runner-up and the winner.



Santa Claus arriving in his 'sleigh', courtesy of Porthcawl Fire Service.



The Mayor's Bears waiting to see Santa outside his grotto, courtesy of Porthcawl Round Table and the YMCA.



ABOVE:
Town Crier Debby Trindle meets up with Sarah Watkins, Assistant Town Clerk, and the Mayor's Bears.

LEFT:
Performers Sarah and Ken Milligan.



More members of the back room team with performers Dave Smith (Elvis) and Sarah and Ken Milligan.

Elvis impersonator, Dave Smith.

ABOVE: Father Christmas in his Grotto with one very satisfied customer.

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Girlguiders are honoured at an awards reception



Girlguiding award recipients are pictured with Vale of Glamorgan Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams, the Mayoress, his wife, Joan, and Diane Nicholls, County Commissioner (Cardiff and East Glamorgan), Carol Emery, South East Glamorgan Division Commissioner, Jill Bird, president, and Annabelle Traherne and Gill Clay, vice-presidents.

GUIDERS from the area have been presented with a series of awards at a special reception hosted by Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams.

Paying tribute to the work of the movement, Coun Williams said: "These awards recognise the tremendous achievements of the trained volunteers who do so much to deliver a stimulating and enjoyable programme for our enthusiastic youngsters."

The evening was organised in conjunction with Girlguiding Cardiff and East Glamorgan, and recipients of long service awards were: 50 years, Pat Edwards (South East Glamorgan Division), Norah Kendall (Penarth) and Fran Mitchell (Vale of Glamorgan); 30 years, Susan Leverton (Dinas Powys and Llandough); 20 years, Jane Rudd (Vale of Glamorgan), and 10 years, Amy Germon (Barry East) and Jane Prigg (Penarth). There was a Baden Powell Award for Rosemary Tuthill (Penarth).

WHAT'S ON / in brief

Christmas carol concert

BARRY Male Voice Choir are holding their Christmas carol concert, on Saturday, December 5, at All Saints Church, Barry, at 2.30pm.

Admission is £2 at the door and a warm welcome is extended to all to join the choir and the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band. All proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society.

Festive tea

THERE will be a festive afternoon tea in St Hilary village hall, at 3pm-5pm, on Sunday, December 6. Megan Morris will be playing the harp at 4pm.

Volunteer surgeries

THE Volunteer Bureau will hold an outreach surgery to offer advice and information on the 700+ different volunteering opportunities in the Penarth Library, at 1pm-3pm, on Tuesday, December 8.

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LAST week, Wales hit the headlines with the publication of the report on the work of the 'All Wales Convention', chaired by Sir Emry Jones Parry, former UN Ambassador to the UK Government.

Sir Emry was given the challenging task of finding out what people in Wales thought about the current arrangements for the Welsh Assembly Government to develop policy and legislation to meet Welsh needs.

He chaired a convention, including people from all walks of life and all our major political parties, to consult and take on board the views of the people of Wales.

He held public meetings across the country, including one in Barry last summer.

In his foreword to the report published last week, he said: "The future governance of our nation and how it should now move forward is a vital topic for Wales. Politics is bread and butter, and affects us all. Moreover, for me, it was an opportunity to put something back into Wales after a long period representing the United

Kingdom as a whole."

The conclusions to the widespread debate and consultation are important. In summary, the report says that the people of Wales have accepted devolution, and recognise that it represents some degree of self government.

Public attitudes appeared to have 'settled in favour of devolution', with few supporting either independence or the arrangements we had before 1997 with the former Welsh Office.

The report says there appears to be significant appetite for increased devolution, with solid support for primary law-making powers.

The research undertaken by the convention showed 72 per cent favour the present or somewhat increased devolution. Sir Emry says that the judgement of the convention is that a 'yes' vote for more powers is obtainable, but goes on to say, "but the evidence we have collected underlines that there can be no certainty about this".

The convention was set up as a commitment under One Wales to monitor public opinion and assess the levels of support to trigger a referendum on further law-making powers for the

Assembly before the end of this term of the Assembly.

We now move to consider the report and its implications with a statement made by the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, on Tuesday in the Senedd leading to a debate in the New Year to test out this 'appetite' for further devolution.

One of the encouraging aspects of the convention was its engagement with young people in Wales, via our schools and youth forums.

Our young people are gaining confidence about their opportunities to influence the Welsh Assembly, to make their voices heard and to give their views about the policies and services we develop and provide.

This was clearly the case last Friday when we celebrated 'Children's Rights Day' in the Senedd as part of the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Earlier this year, I hosted a meeting of all the UK Children's ministers in Cardiff and we agreed to make a joint statement on Children's Rights Day and this was published last Friday.

In the statement, we said that one of the most important goals is to make England, Wales,

Scotland and Northern Ireland the best places for all children and young people to live.

As part of this, we are committed to working progressively towards implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As well as launching the first Children's Advocacy and Advice Line in the UK and an Action Plan for implementing the UN Convention in Wales, the First Minister, Children's Commissioner and I all spoke about the importance of promoting and applauding the contributions of our young people in Wales, in their homes, schools and communities.

Their commitment to voluntary work, to supporting each other, to enjoying sport, leisure and cultural activities, as well as working hard to make good progress in their studies at school, college, in apprenticeships and university is manifest.

Children and young people often have to overcome many barriers and difficulties they experience in their lives, including social and financial inequalities which we are seeking to tackle as a government. This is where the work of the All Wales

Convention is important. Could we do more with more powers? I have successfully steered through a number of pieces of legislation over the past few years to improve education and we have developed many new programmes, like the Foundation Phase, Welsh Baccalaureate and Flying Start.

We need to use all the levers and powers we have to make government work for our families, communities, businesses and the debate about the referendum must engage all those who want to see Wales develop in confidence for the good of all.

The First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, made an important speech at the Welsh Centre for International Affairs last week and in it he said: "The first decade of devolution in Wales has transformed the nation's relationship with the world and created a new confidence. Far from becoming more inward looking, devolution forced us, as a nation, to

put our heads above the parapet. "The kind of Wales I want to see is open-minded, competitive but constructive, outward-looking, responsible, engaged and adaptable. If we act that way we'll be using the demonstrable strengths of our people."

Representing the Welsh Assembly Government and the UK Government at the European Education and Youth Councils in Brussels this week provided me with the opportunity of putting Wales centre stage, and I was privileged to play that part on behalf of the people of Wales.

GUEST COLUMN



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

WI learn how to make the perfect gateau!

YSTRADOWEN WI NEWS

AT the November meeting, the speaker, Steve Jarvis, took members into the land of "confectionery and cake decorating" to demonstrate the art of making a very rich gateau!

For 'demonstration' purposes, he made the gateau with a plain sponge, butter cream and chocolate. Little touches make all the difference we were told; For instance – just add a little sherry or kirsch.

The gateau was eventually decorated with little flowers piped with jelly centres, and chocolate leaves.

There were two raffle prizes and the first ticket out would have the choice of winning the

gateau or the normal raffle prize. The winner was Gaynor Powney, who opted for the gateau.

Many of the members are attending 'Deck the Hall' day at St David's Hall, Cardiff, and at the December meeting the members will enjoy a social evening with refreshments – please bring a plate'.

This year, our 'Pennies for Friendship' amounted to £36.50, which was sent to 'The Associated Country Women of the World'.

In January, members will all 'descend' on The Bear Hotel for their Christmas celebration evening out.

Meanwhile, we wish all the local WI groups a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. **AM**

Ogmore MP's advice surgery
OGMORE MP, Huw Irranca-Davies will be holding a surgery in Sarn on the afternoon of Friday, December 11, by appointment only.

To make an appointment, or to find out further details, call the MP's constituency office and advice centre on 01656 737777.

Nottage church fayre
FATHER CHRISTMAS will be in his grotto at St David's Church, Florence Street, Nottage, when every child will receive a gift on Saturday, December 12, from 12 noon.

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The Pontyclun Community shop wishes everyone a 'Merry Christmas' and 'Happy New Year'.

Not so much a town, more a friendly village! ...WHERE TRADERS AND SHOPPERS ARE ON FIRST NAME TERMS...

PONTYCLUN is the sort of town where shopkeepers pride themselves on knowing their customers, and where the customers themselves are on first name terms.

As a result, although the town has inevitably grown in recent years, it has still managed to retain that friendly 'village' feel – epitomised by the Community Shop which raises money for local good causes.

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and the town – a place where people can meet friends, look for a bargain and support a worthy cause. Pontyclun has a good range of food shops, including two butchers, a greengrocers, bakery, grocery stores and a delicatessen.

The day-to-day needs of the community are met by a surprisingly wide choice of shops in the town, which include two pharmacies that also sell toiletries, a florist, clothes shop and a children's clothes shop.

Pontyclun also offers an impressive range of services, including hair and beauty salons, a bank, post office,

kitchen design, carpentry, financial advice, solicitors and a vet.

Small towns like Pontyclun often score over larger town centres because there is free accessible parking and everything is within walking distance.

The clear advantage of shopping in small, locally-owned businesses is that the owners offer a personal service and very often know your likes and dislikes.

With the credit crunch having forced many people to examine their way of life and adopt a back-to-basics approach, buying food from small

shops means you are not tempted by the overpowering and sometimes expensive array on offer in supermarkets – resulting all too often in waste.

The current emphasis on 'carbon miles' means that people are consciously buying locally-produced food wherever possible.

Intimate towns like Pontyclun are ideally placed to benefit from this trend.

After shopping, there are plenty of places to enjoy a meal or a cuppa – including coffee shops, pubs, a bistro and takeaways!



Tranquil Pontyclun offers customers a stress-free shopping experience

Giles Gallery offers a host of craft gifts

GILES GALLERY on Cerdin Avenue (behind Spar) is a must for the Christmas shopper who wants a unique and hand-crafted gift.

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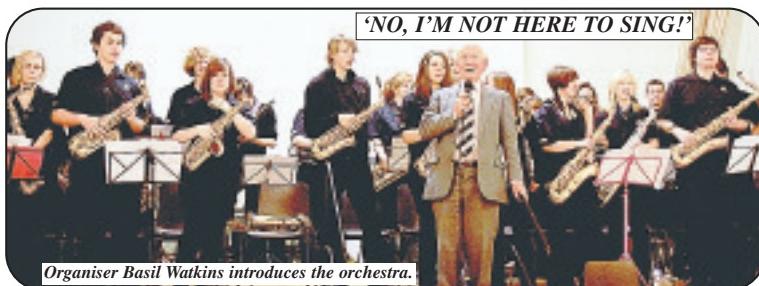
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CAPACITY CROWD APPLAUDS AS ...**Cardiff and Vale Youth Band does St John Ambulance proud**

Organiser Basil Watkins introduces the orchestra.

ONCE again, a capacity audience at Cowbridge town hall was thrilled with the music provided by the Cardiff and Vale Youth Big Band.

The concert was arranged by the Vale St John Council.

The band's signature tune 'In the Mood' certainly had that effect on the listeners and pre-saged the music to come. They had a very wide repertoire, which included several pleasing instrumental and vocal solos.

The band is a musical phenomenon – it comprises girls and boys aged 14-18 from the secondary schools in the area.

Rehearsals are held in the spring term, then the successful applicants start in September to replace the older ones who have left. The new entrants number a large proportion of the three

dozen members.

With this large influx, it is quite remarkable that their director of music, Mark Cheek, is able to mould them into such a professional group in so short a time.

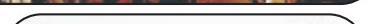
Not only do they perform locally for many charity and other functions, but last year they were proud to have reached the finals of the national festival of youth, held at the Adrian Bolt Hall in Birmingham.

They are truly a band of tremendous prowess, who thoroughly deserved the standing ovation at the end of their performance.

Not only was the music to all tastes, but so was the hot meal of bangers and jacket potatoes, expertly served by the 'girls in the galley'.

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VALE police have enrolled their first Forest watch volunteer – as part of a community crime prevention initiative to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the county's forests and woodlands.

scheme and want to take part, too.

"Forest Watch allows me to combine my roles as the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for the Peterston Super Ely ward and as a wildlife and environmental crime officer.

"Anti-social behaviour such as criminal damage to our rural amenity sites and fly tipping affects the environment as well as the community," he pointed out.

"In recent months, we

have had a burnt out vehicle in the forest as well as some damage to the barbecue area and it is hoped that the establishment of Forest Watch will help to deter this type of activity.

"With a designated phone number, e-mail address and point of contact, it is hoped that members of the public will be encouraged to provide the key partners with information of interest – and, in turn, reduce forest crime."

LOVELIGHT SERVICE
THE Llanwit Major Friends of Tenovus, are holding their annual 'Lovelight Service', on Tuesday, December 15, at 7.30pm, in St Illtud's Church.

The service offers a chance to light a candle in love, honour, or in memory of someone we love.

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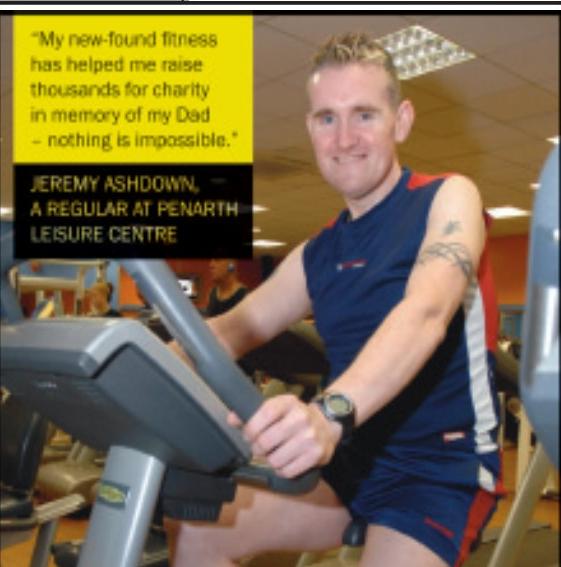
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A feast for train collectors at Barry

THE final feast for toy and train collectors in Barry this year takes place on Sunday, December 6, at the Barry Leisure Centre, between 10.30am-3pm - using the entire main hall.

Having moved to this new venue last February, the show has never looked back and the greatly improved space, shape, access and lighting are all much appreciated by both the public and traders.

Three more dates in 2010 have already been secured, to ensure that the event continues to go from strength-to-strength and become fully established as a major south Wales fair.

Organiser Chris Dyer told The GEM: "There is more and more interest in the Barry show and the new venue has made a big difference; there is so much free parking at weekends at the centre and access is a joy."

"The trade likes Barry and many of the stallholders have regular customers who they see at each show there."

Value-for-money has never been better than at present with traders keen to maintain cash-flow rather than margins; exchanges and purchases are also very welcome and many people have been pleasantly surprised at the result obtained after bringing in their surplus items."

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ABOVE: Ceri, Candy and Olivia.

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Candy has relocated from Cardiff Road to give her customers the ultimate in beauty treatments.

This beautiful, spacious retreat is impressively decorated throughout in warm browns, beige and burgundy shades, with relaxing music to enhance the atmosphere.

The relaxation room, in subdued lighting, is a haven from the busy stresses of everyday life.

Candy is also introducing the popular Decleor, a top quality product normally only available in the city.

Candy would like to take this opportunity to thank all of her customers and welcome them to the new I Candy Retreat and also looks forward to welcoming new clients.

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It means making a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) on the new version of the forms, which came into force in October 2009.

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document that enables one person to make decisions on behalf of another.

There are two types of LPA: financial and welfare. Financial LPAs enable a person to act on behalf of another if, for example, they are ill or disabled and cannot act for themselves.

A welfare LPA enables a person to act on behalf of another if that person does not have the mental capacity to act for themselves, for example, in the case of a severe stroke.

Without an LPA, it may be necessary for family members to apply to the Court of Protection for authority.

Little Wheels at O'Neils: the perfect way to teach your child to ride

LITTLE WHEELS at O'Neils is located within O'Neil's Car Sales, Cornerswell Road, Penarth.

Having opened in September 2009, this family-run business has wheels for both adults and children!

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This can be a distressing and lengthy process and is far more expensive than making an LPA.

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THE Ty Hafan shop in High Street, Barry, has issued an appeal for quality clothes, books and household items to help fund the Sully hospice.

Alternatively, hand items in direct to the Ty Hafan warehouse at Unit B2, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry.

"The shops provide a valuable income, enabling the family hospice for young lives to continue providing its services for life-limited children, young people and their families from across Wales," a spokeswoman said.

"Warehouse manager Kat Edgar is also looking for individuals to volunteer for a few hours a week to help sort and process all the donated goods which come into the warehouse in Barry."

"This is the ideal opportunity to meet new people and help make a real difference to the lives of families who use Ty Hafan," the spokeswoman added.

For more information, telephone 01446 721544 during normal working hours.

College's business studies students impress AM on tour



BUSINESS studies students from Barry College were given a tour of the Senedd by Vale AM Jane Hutt recently.

"I enjoyed meeting the students undertaking business studies. It was great to hear about their plans and ambitions for their future jobs and several were keen to set up their own businesses," Ms Hutt commented.

The college students are pictured with Jane Hutt (third left) at the Senedd.



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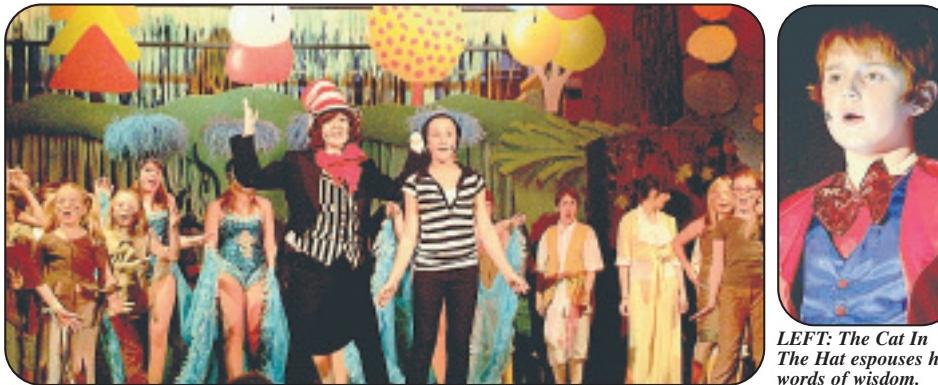
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SEUSSICAL – THE MUSICAL LIGHTS UP MAESTEG HALL



THE stage of Maesteg Town Hall was lit up last week by the lively youngsters from the Curtain Up Theatre Group, who staged *Seussical – the musical*.

The show features characters created by Dr Seuss, including the Cat in the hat, Horton the elephant and many others.

It gave the youngsters a great vehicle to show off their talents at singing, dancing and acting. There were four performances and some of the parts were played by two youngsters on alternate nights.

The theatre group was founded by Sarah Thomas and Ruth Whelan and meets at Maesteg Town Hall every week.

Those taking part were: Cai in the Hat, Chris Walburn and Caitlin Whelan; Horton, Aled Williams; Gertrude McFuzz,



ABOVE: The cast sing one of the many songs that featured in the musical, featuring many of Dr Seuss' most well loved characters.

RIGHT: Watch out – it's the Cat again, causing trouble!



Santa Claus goes to the dogs (but only for Christmas!)

DOGS Trust Bridgend is hosting its Christmas fair on Saturday, December 5, from 11am-3pm in the training barn at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai.

Highlights of the day include Christmas gifts, the Christmas tombola and raffle, festive refreshments, Victorian ladies selling traditional sweets and even a Santa's Grotto for both doggies and children. Admission and parking are free.

Beverley Price, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre Manager, said:

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LITCHARD & PENDRE PACT, Coity Higher Community Centre, Heol West Plas, December 17, 6pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT, Wildmill Community Centre, Wildmill, January 14, 6.30pm.

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NEWCASTLE PACT, Civic Offices, Angel Street, January, 25, 7pm.

If you have any non-emergency issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team either by telephoning 101 or e-mail www.ourbobby.com.

CHRISTMAS CRIME PREVENTION SURGERIES IN BRIDGEND BOROUGH

Residents from Bryntirion, Laleston, and Merthyr Mawr ward and Cefn Glas, Llangwydd and Brynhyfryd wards are invited to meet their local Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officers, Donovan Smith and Heather Dobbs at Christmas crime prevention surgeries in the area.

The officers will be offering general crime prevention advice, public perception surveys, Christmas safety information, PACT issues and will deal with any other concerns or queries.

"The surgeries offer an opportunity for an informal chat, where people may feel more comfortable in approaching the officers with their issues or requesting advice," a police spokesman explained.

They will be held on the following dates and locations:

Monday, December 7, (1pm-3pm), High Street, Laleston.

Thursday, December 17 (9am-12pm), Llangwydd Road, Cefn Glas.

Friday, December 18, (9am-12pm), Elm Crescent, Bryntirion.

LINDSAY STRIKES GOLD AFTER HER CAREER CHANGE

AFTER working in finance for several years, 27-year-old Lindsay Evans has found a new career as a carer – and it's now gold-plated!

Lindsay won the gold award for 'newcomer of the year' at the Wales Care Awards.

For someone who was previously in the financial world perhaps it's only appropriate that her award was sponsored by Barclays Commercial.

Lindsay works for Traescare and is a senior support worker at the Kington Court Care

Home in Barry. She's determined to get more qualifications and one day would like to manage her own home.

After working in finance in London and south Wales then spending six months on a break in South Africa, Lindsay obtained what she believes is a more fulfilling job as a support worker at Barry in an acquired brain injury unit.

This involved helping people who had fallen and injured their head, or suffered from a stroke or dementia. Lindsay



Lindsay Evans.

said: "I enjoy supporting and helping people to work independently, so that they can do what normal people do, despite the problems they may have. What is also important is integration into the community."

Becca David, manager of Becca Court, who nominated her, said: "Lindsay has made a valuable contribution to the staff team and has helped clients to achieve goals which they did not believe possible..."

One client described how Lindsay had helped with her personal care, had respected her privacy – "and helped me to overcome my fear of swimming by supporting me at my swimming lessons."

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Beverley Price, Dogs Trust Bridgend

Areas pass test

NEWS that its four designated bathing water areas have all passed mandatory water quality standards has been welcomed by the Vale Council.

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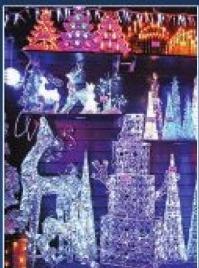
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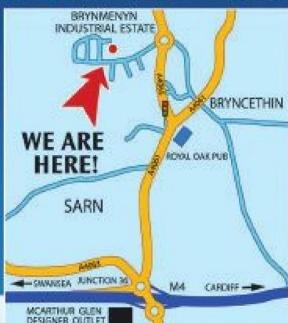
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'OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ' – The town crier is back!

THREE was a welcome return to Cowbridge of the traditional town crier during the annual reindeer parade.

Coun Val Ellis has been working hard for months to recruit someone to this role and she was delighted when Gus Baty agreed to give it a go.

"It was great to see the town crier back as part of our traditional celebrations," she said.

"He is an unpaid volunteer, but I am grateful to the Vale of Glamorgan Inn, Il Portico and Farthings for providing some sponsorship for him."

Mr Baty wore the town crier costume loaned by the Charter Trust.

Emma Hartmann, of the Chamber of Trade, reported that it had been a very enjoyable and busy day. "From my point of view,

it was fantastic. We were giving out mulled wine and mince pies and people were in good spirits, despite the rain.

"It's a shame the weather was not kinder, but the show must go on and we are grateful to everyone who took part in the parade for still turning out so enthusiastically."

Emma said that the Reindeer parade marks the start of the Christmas Sunday opening and she said that it was hoped that more shops than ever would participate in this, as Sunday is now firmly established as a shopping day for most people.

"We are now in the run-up to Christmas, officially. Cowbridge has a good community spirit and the town comes together for things like the Reindeer parade," she added.

'Come on, Santa, give us a song!'



ABOVE:
Santa has never been a big fan of singing in public - good thing there are people on hand to step in and help him!

You name it – Cowbridge has certainly got it!

CHRISTMAS shopping in Cowbridge is kick started tonight (Thursday) with late night shopping in the town.

All the participating shops will be offering a glass of mulled wine and mince pies to shoppers, and some will also have entertainment as well.

This night is co-ordinated by the chamber of trade which is extremely pro-active.

It is also urging traders to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas, to take advantage of what is now one of the main shopping days of the week.

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Cowbridge Reindeer parade proves to be a huge success



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Out and About

Vale's Prince's Trust team helps create outdoor art



LEFT:
The team pictured at the cleared site.

VALE of Glamorgan Training Association (VGTA) Prince's Trust Team are currently volunteering for two weeks at St Fagan's Museum of Welsh Life, helping to develop an art installation.

The artist Betina Skovbro has designed an installation in and about the allotments of St Fagan's and it is set for a grand opening next year.

The team had to clear brambles and overgrown shrubbery which has been growing for more than five years.

The whole of team 59 youngsters spent two weeks working in St Fagan's with the organisers and the artist on a voluntary basis, as part of the project element of the 12-week Prince's Trust Team programme. They enjoyed the work despite battling the Welsh weather for most of the project!

Dinas' Dickens magic

THE world of Charles Dickens will come alive tomorrow (Friday, December 4) when the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys holds its annual Dickensian Fayre in the village square, starting at 6pm.

The evening is an opportunity for local organisations (mainly voluntary) to raise money and support local charities, and funds raised by the Rotary Club will be used to support local charities in and around Dinas Powys.

A club spokesman said: "This year's Dickensian Fayre featured the Cardiff Ladies Morris Dancers and the Vale of Glamorgan Band. The usual stalls selling crafts, cards and Christmas gifts will be present and there will be food and drink on sale, including cawl, mulled wine, cakes, hot-dogs and burgers."

"The highlight for the children will be a visit to Santa's grotto, where every child will receive a gift from Father Christmas.

He continued: "Last year, the response from voluntary organisations was exceptional, with all stalls taken. If any organisation would like a stall, please telephone Paul Williams for an application form on 02920 512473."

"Later in December, the Rotary Christmas sleigh will be around the village, so make sure you look out for Santa!"

Time and Space exhibition

THE exhibition by Glyn Pooley and Christie-Leat Bowen, called 'Union of Time with Space' runs until December 19, at Canon Hill Art Space, Cannon Street, Barry. The opening times are Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-6pm.

WHAT'S ON - in brief

MARIE CURIE LIGHTS

AT 6pm this evening (Thursday, December 3), along with special guest Peter Karrie, the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth is lighting the Christmas tree in the gardens, where local people have sponsored a light in memory of a loved one.

The hospice hopes to raise more than £16,000 to pay for nursing on Christmas Day, where unfortunately patients will still need the specialist care that they require.

Cardiff Style are singing carols and Peter Karrie (best known as the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*, will switch on the lights and then sing.

SCHOOL FAIR

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, is holding a Christmas fair on Friday, December 4, at 3.30pm; stalls, refreshments and Father Christmas grotto.

CHARITY LINE DANCE
A CHARITY line dance in aid of Bopath, which supports therapy for children in Wales, suffering from cerebral palsy, will be held on Saturday, December 5, at St Athan Community Centre, Glyndwyr Avenue, St Athan, at 7.30pm.
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Out and About with The GEM

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By popular demand, Robert Bailey, an eminent cellist and musician, has been invited back to adjudicate the instrumental ensemble class and to run a master class for ensemble groups of up to 10 performers.

Pianist Anthony Williams, will also be returning to adjudicate the piano classes this year.

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IN BRIEF

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THE COEN BROTHERS' MAN IS A (Serious-ly) EXCELLENT FILM!

THE Coen brothers may have struck Oscar gold with *No Country For Old Men*, but since their night of golden statuettes they have done their best to subvert the expectations foisted upon them.

Their follow-up to *No Country..., Burn After Reading*, was an overwhelming return to the oddball likes of *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and *The Hudsucker Proxy*, steadfastly refusing to adapt their style for a more commercial gain.

Their latest film is another step in a subversive direction, and is entitled *A Serious Man*.

It tells the story of Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg), a professor whose life begins to unravel at an alarming pace – his wife wants a divorce, his children are causing havoc and his brother, who is living with the family, spends the majority of his time draining the fluid from a cyst on his back.

With things not quite going to plan, Larry seeks advice from three rabbis – but will their advice be of any benefit, or will it all become too much for him...?

Following the release

of *No Country For Old Men*, there were, no doubt, a large number of filmgoers who suddenly 'got' the Coen brothers' appeal.

Certainly, the mainstream did – the gold baubles and praise that adorned the film almost anathema to the Coens' low key attitude and approach.

These latecomers to the Coen altar, however, may be retreating for the door – come the closing credits of *A Serious Man*, a film that while excellent and resolutely Coen-esque, will have the less hardcore of their fan base questioning just what it is that they have just watched.

This is a film that most definitely stands on its own, however, and finds great comedy from the situations Larry and the family find themselves in – without being too gregarious about it. There is a subtlety and offbeat feel to the laughs, playing as if a person to climax that will get seriously dark, yet it doesn't.

In fact, the film's climactic shot is hugely apt for the film as a whole, acting as a teasing open ending, yet also alluding to the snapshot nature of the film. We learn so little about the backgrounds of these characters in its 105 minutes, that it acts more as a

they relate to the story. In short, it is the brothers at their most oblique and idiosyncratic, but it is also one of their best pieces of work.

Quite what it is trying to say is unclear, as the brothers appear to be paying lip service to those who are prepared to look too deeply into their films to find hidden meaning.

However, there are elements of much of their previous works on show here, the fantasy sequences reminiscent of *The Big Lebowski* – while the slowly meandering plot feels like *The Man Who Wasn't There* minus the aliens.

It is most definitely the brothers' most personal, and Jewish, film to date, taking inspiration from their childhood, but there is little in the way of overwrought nostalgia on show.

Instead, what on the surface appears to be a film about a man suffering a crisis of sorts, degenerates at the end into a piece of work that seems to be about everything and nothing.

The brothers tease you with story strands that lie conspicuously unresolved and characters that pop up and leave before you even have chance to take them in and see how

segment of their lives, rather than giving us the rounded characters you would expect.

However, the brothers' eye for character and performance, as well as the stark visuals that lend the film its woody air, are spot on as ever.

In the lead role, Michael Stuhlbarg is the quintessential Coens' everyman, yet delivers a performance that is so wonderfully underplayed as to never feel too unnatural.

His constant consternation and stress at the situations he finds himself in as a result of others, could have been portrayed in the angst of terms, but instead, Stuhlbarg channels the rage under the surface – every so often pricking the skin of Larry.

Surprise turns from the likes of Richard Kind (about the only recognisable member of the cast), Sari Lennick and Fred Melamed in a nicely comic turn, to name but three, give the film acting nous as well as the pedigree afforded it by its creators.

While some will point to the somewhat offbeat nature of *A Serious Man* and the fact that it is both thoroughly traditional yet uniquely odd all at the same time, it is fair to say that these aren't facets that make for a negative, particu-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

larly in the world of Coen.

While it generates more questions than answers and leaves you hanging for some kind of resolution, the film is

that rarest of beasts in today's cinema – an intelligent movie that leaves you thinking once it has left the screen – and for that it can't be praised highly enough.

VERDICT – One of their most impressive works to date, *A Serious Man* is a fine piece of filmmaking from the brothers Coen.

It is a film that seems to say both everything and nothing, feeling like a personal project for the film makers, but it is certainly a truly excellent slice of cinema. *Highly recommended.*

Sculpture of Welsh actress unveiled at Dyffryn Gardens

THE fourth in a series of six ceramic sculptures by Welsh artist Katie Scarlett Howard, as part of the 'Woman of Substance' project was unveiled on November 25 at Dyffryn Gardens.

The subject of the latest figurative sculpture – the first to be located in South Wales – is actress Sian Phillips who has had a celebrated career across stage, film, television and radio, including her role in the powerful 1970s TV drama 'I Claudius'.

Katie Scarlett Howard said: "Sian Phillips is a fantastic subject for this sculpture, given her position as one of Wales' most respected actresses, and her strong connection with Dyffryn over many years.

"In the piece, I have focused on her critically-acclaimed depiction of Livia in 'I Claudius'. The work is

Romanesque in style which ties-in with Dyffryn's request for a sculpture which would help them to celebrate the centenary of their Italian themed Pompeian Garden."



Pictured are artist Katie Scarlett Howard (on left) and Gerry Donovan, project manager and site curator, at Dyffryn Gardens with the sculpture of Welsh actress, Sian Phillips.

CAROL CONCERT

LLANTWIT Major Twinning Association's annual Christmas carol concert is held at St Illtyd's Church on December 7, at 7.30pm.

Taking part are the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and Llanilltyd Fawr Primary School.

Admission £3, includes a free glass of wine and mince pie. Pay at the door.

GREEN DRINKS

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Family businesses are a strong theme, with

Roy's Toys, Allison's Celebration Cakes and D Rhys Jones and Son, notching up decades between them in the area.

We've also highlighted a familiar business to GEM readers – The Three Bells Inn – which has been under new management in the last year.

Marie and Tony Sheppard explain what they have been doing to pull the customers in on big sporting days and on Sundays.

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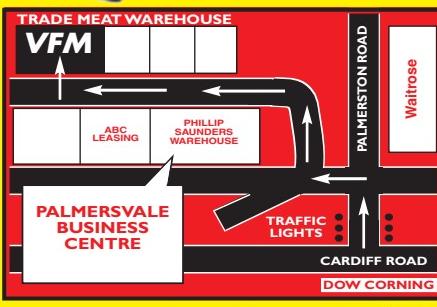
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WELL KNOWN local businessman Phillip Saunders has been on a mission for the last 40 years – to sell top quality branded goods at affordable prices.

Nowadays, Phil has two spacious warehouses in Barry and near Pontypridd, but he talks affectionately when he describes making his way up the hard way starting in Cardiff in the early 70s.

"I began in the Cardiff markets – Bessemer and Spott – and took in 40 foot artics crammed with goods.

"We sold china, dinner sets, electrical goods, that sort of thing, and they flew out. I became well known in Cardiff and gradually expanded."

The two warehouses were the result. When he first opened in Barry the unit traded over weekends, but the reaction of the public was so positive he quickly increased the hours, and is now open seven days a week.

The store is an Aladdin's cave of household goods, but it's the wide selection of furniture that jumps out at visitors.

What never ceases to astonish Phil is that people from Barry, Penarth and the rest of the Vale



ABOVE: Phil Saunders prides himself on offering the public good quality at value-for-money prices.

can travel into Cardiff to pay £2,000 to £3,000 for suites, beds or dining tables and chairs, when he does top names at vastly discounted prices.

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The bargains keep coming as a visitor tours the warehouse – a smart leather corner unit £699, a

five seater corner unit with two recliners £1,199, a rustic dining set with six chairs £499, a cane and two seater three piece suite ideal for a conservatory just £399, and so it goes on...

Furniture is just a part of what the warehouse offers – there are dozens of household goods, soft furnishings, rugs, duvets, pillows, mirrors, crockery, clocks, ornaments, paintings – many ideal for Christmas presents. There is also a wide range of toys to keep the youngsters happy this festive season.

Phil's enthusiasm rubs off on the staff who pride themselves on their product knowledge and efficient service.

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"We have our own vans, so if someone is ready to receive their goods we'll get them out to them straight away. We'll also do direct delivery free on certain goods."

Phil has exciting new plans to expand his range of furniture next year, but for the time being if you want quality furniture or household goods that won't break the bank you know where to go!

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THE Three Bells Inn in Cadoxton has an illustrious history dating back to the 15th Century and local couple Marie and Tony Sheppard are breathing new life into what is the only country pub in Barry.

The couple, both from Barry, took over the pub a year ago as Marie explained: "The opportunity came out of the blue and we decided to take the plunge.

"The first twelve months has been a case of working through what has been a tough time for everyone.

"But what has made a difference is identifying certain strengths. The response on big sporting occasions like Wales rugby matches has been fantastic – we've even dished up free curries and chillis at half time!"

"Sunday lunch has been a big success too with all of our produce sourced locally, so much so that people even come from Cardiff."

There's a good reason for this. The pub in Cadoxton old village, and has a rural appeal. It is set



back from the road with ample parking and has a large beer garden which is popular in the summer.

Sunday lunch is served from 12noon to 2.30pm and meals are also served in the evenings, Thursday to Saturday, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

The Three Bells Inn will also cater for weddings, funerals, and christenings.

The pub has a fascinating history. It used to be a coach house on the Swansea to London run, the sort of place where Dick Turpin would have wanted a quick change of horses!

Nowadays, it is gaining a reputation for good food and drink, hospitality and friendliness, thanks to Marie, Tony and their dedicated staff.

LEFT:
Marie Sheppard and the staff of The Three Bells in Cadoxton do a roaring trade in evening meals from Thursday to Saturday, and on Sundays .

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Cadoxton & Cardiff Road prepare for Christmas

A FAMILIAR FACE, AND A FAMILY BUSINESS – THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF SHOPPING IN CADOXTON

FAMILY shops are an essential part of the business landscape in Cadoxton – and three of the most popular are Roy's Toys, Allison's Celebration Cakes and D Rhys Jones & Son.

Roy's Toys on Main Street is the ideal shop to get that special toy for a youngster at Christmas. The business is so well established that last year it celebrated its 25th anniversary of trading.

Owner Carol Brown told The GEM: "Two of the most popular toys this year are Ben Ten and In the Night Garden, which young families know well from the television shows.

"What has surprised me a little is how many of the traditional sorts of games have sold – Buckaroo, draughts, dominoes, ludo, snakes and ladders and Cluedo."

Carol runs a Christmas club in which people pay a 10 per cent deposit on toys and can then pay off the rest in instalments.

Among the dozens of other items she stocks are dolls, cuddly toys, crafts and one of her favourites, 'Operation' – in which youngsters can carry out an operation on a toy figure – with an alarm going off if a slip is made!

Carol added a reminder to those posting Christmas cards: "I've got a post box for the Scouts

in the store and people should remember that December 7 is the last day for posting."

Another firm favourite in Cadoxton is Allison's Celebration Cakes, which is open from Mondays to Saturdays.

Allison, who is celebrating 20 years on Barry Road, has an unrivalled reputation for supplying all sorts of special occasion cakes with original designs.

The shop also offers catering products – sugar craft supplies, ribbons, cutters (a very popular range is Patchwork Cutters with dozens of shapes) and edible and non-edible cake decorations.

She said: "My Christmas order book is already full, but through the year I do every sort of celebration cake you can imagine – wedding, birthday, passing a driving test, anniversary – even divorce!"

For people who want to jazz up their own cakes, Allison has ribbons and hundreds of decorative figures.

She also stocks a wide range of books on making cakes, which make an ideal Christmas present.

Across the road from Allison another well-established family business in Cadoxton is D Rhys and Son, which offers people all the advice, fittings and help you need in terms of choosing new curtains or net curtains.

Ann and Rhys Jones offer a full measuring service, too. With winter drawing in and Christmas approaching, people start thinking of how to improve the interior of their home.

Ann said: "If people want made-to-measure curtains, the deadline for ordering is December 5."

If you can't make that deadline, the couple still have ready made curtains available; they also have a stylish selection of table cloths that would adorn any Christmas table.



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COTTRELL LADIES ENJOY END OF SEASON DINNER



Mary Davies, Faith Crookes and Helen Little.

COTTRELL Park ladies enjoyed a very good end of season dinner, and after the meal, the team captains were introduced by Margaret Thomas, ladies' captain and they reported on their teams.

Mary Davies reported on behalf of Janet Griffiths, the friendly team captain, who was unable to attend. All the matches had gone well and the ladies who played in them had enjoyed the opportunity to play other courses and make friends with lady golfers from other clubs. All matches are considered to be honours draws.

The ladies second team report was given by the captain Faith Crookes. The team did very well in Division 8 West this year, and this was down to the commitment of the team

players – Faith, Becki Flavin, Helen Poole, Cathy Norton and Vicki Long. She also thanked other ladies who occasionally filled in and the outstanding player was chosen as Becki Flavin.

The team was promoted to Division 7 West, with hopes of further success next year.

The ladies first team report was given by the captain Helen Little. She mentioned the Mail on Sunday competition where Cottrell unfortunately lost to the Vale in the first round, but they did better in the Welsh team championships, reaching the third day and the last sixteen.

The team of Gemma, Katie and Kay Bradbury, Helen Little and Sandra Collin did extremely well in the league, gaining promotion from Division Two to the Premier Division.

Margaret Rees, past captain, congratulated the first team on their remarkable achievement.

progressing from Division Nine to One in just 11 years.

Margaret Thomas thanked the team captains and said how pleased she was with the team results; she presented each of them with a bouquet of flowers.

She mentioned the excellent progress of Gemma and Katie Bradbury this year, both representing Wales in the international girls and ladies championships and achieving good results.

Gemma Bradbury was congratulated on being chosen for the Curtis Cup squad and wished every success.

She also congratulated Helen Poole on becoming the ladies club champion, a remarkable double as she also won the club championship at Peterston Lakes.

All the ladies are now looking forward to the new season and, hopefully, further success.

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At half-time, Mark Dunford replaced Matt Jones and on 55 minutes Ricki Morgan picked up the ball on the halfway line, beat three players and then ran straight through the West End defence, chipping the ball over the advancing

Barry Seconds seal derby day rout of local rivals Sully

AFTER much disruption of the Barry rugby schedule due to cancellations and internationals, Barry Second XV were finally back in action in an eagerly awaited local derby away to Sully.

With several experienced players missing, a number of players were given their first starts and their enthusiasm showed through in the early stages, as Barry dominated proceedings.

Lloyd Dutton and Kyle Case were colossal in the line-out and it was from a set piece near the Sully line that the former pounced on a loose ball to dive through.

Ashley Adams converted expertly from a difficult angle.

The home side rallied and managed a raid into the Barry twenty-two, but some superb defence kept Sully at bay, and when centre Dave Provis claimed turnover ball, he

SULLY 12
BARRY SECOND XV 31

ran clear of the disorganized home defence to score underneath the posts. Adams adding the formalities.

In a game of passive scrums due to the home side's inability to field a front row, one of Barry's most dangerous weapons was neutralised, and it was from this set piece that the home side got back into the game, with their scrum half spinning around to ground in the corner for an unconverted try.

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Vale pupils attend Peterston musical festival and 'tour' the church organ

ST PETERS CHURCH at Peterston super Ely held an organ festival over the weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 19 - 21.

It was an opportunity for the youngsters from Peterston and St Nicholas primary schools to learn something of the instrument, and included a tour of the organ loft.



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IAN DIXON



Cowbridge Comprehensive emerge with victory after a tight game

NETBALL
COWBRIDGE net-
Stanwell at home
on Monday
November 23.

The year-8 A team got off to a solid start in a very evenly-matched game, taking the score to 3-3 at half-time.

In the second half, an early goal from Jo Wilkins enabled Cowbridge to take the lead and outstanding interceptions from Sarah Lewis at GK ensured they held their lead until full-time.

The game ended 5-4 to Cowbridge.

Player of the match: Annabel Curle (C).

The year-8 B team got off to a slow start and despite some excellent linking play between Lilli Evans and Jordan Carpenter at WA and C, Cowbridge could not put the goals away and trailed 4-0 at half-time.

Cowbridge's defence picked up in the second half but Stanwell were too strong and Cowbridge conceded the game 6-0.

Player of the match: Immy Miller (GK).

The year-9s got off to a flying start with Hannah Taylor scoring goals at every available opportunity to take the

score to 9-1 at half-time. Despite an initial lull at the beginning of the second half, in which Cowbridge conceded three goals on the trot, the strong defence of Caitlin Allin at GD and Bethan Sloane at GK ensured Stanwell were quickly stopped in their tracks.

Two extra goals for Mairi Boxall in the second half took the final score to 11-5 to Cowbridge. A great win. Well done, girls.

Player of the match: Liz Whitehouse (C).

HOCKEY
COWBRIDGE year-7
hockey team played
Porthcawl in their first
full size match.

Due to having so many players, Cowbridge put up a new team. Hannah Lee stepped into the goalkeeper's role and performed well for her first match and did Rebecca Thomas as sweeper,

Megan Thorne in defence, Alice Tudor in centre midfield and Sion Dimblebee in attack. Unfortunately

Cowbridge lost 1-0 from

an excellent first performance.

Player of the match: Megan Thorne.

Cowbridge year-9

hockey team played Brynteg in an exciting game. The game started first with the teams looking evenly matched by Cowbridge's defence, in particular Mairi Boxall and Emma Dando stand-

ing strong.

Brynteg were first to score after a break and the goal was deflected off player of the match goalkeeper Jessica Jones' foot!

However, the combination of Angharad Davies and goal scorer Hannah Taylor in the attacking circle ensured it was 1-1 at half-time.

In the second half, Brynteg were first to score but Liz Whitehouse scored from a massive hit just outside the attacking circle to ensure a 2-2 draw before the match finished, due to losing the light.

Player of the match: Jessica Jones.

Cowbridge Senior hockey team bounced back from a hammering against Radyr and Howells in the Cardiff & Vale tournament. The team could only field nine players and drew 0-0 against Porthcawl.

There was some excellent attack work by Megan Allman, Georgia Evans and Molly Llewellyn in the first half, but the Porthcawl

defence were too good, as were Cowbridge's defence of Bethan Moorcraft and Charlotte Thomas, who stopped any chances from the Porthcawl attack.

Megan Allman unfor-

tunately took a fall and

had to go off but this didn't stop the new attack of Sophie Browning and Alice Thomas, but again they could not get anything through.

Player of the match: Bethan Moorcraft.

Hannah's debut goes to plan

IN the Three
Counties Hotel,
Hereford,
on Friday, November
27, Hannah Wilcox
of Llantwit Major
ABC made her
debut against S
Whistance of the
Wye Amateur
Boxing Club.

Hannah's harder blows caught the eye of the judges at ringside and she won the bout on a majority decision.

Dale Phillips, also of Llantwit Major ABC, boxed in the Conservative Club, Barry Island, against the experienced Owen Christopher of Taibach ABC.

Dale had beaten Owen the previous week on a Llantwit Major show but he boxed hesitantly throughout the three

rounds. Christopher got the majority decision, tying them at one win apiece.

Fellow boxer Dan Ruffle boxed Cardiff YMCA's Levi Lawance where Lawance got the points decision.

Tickets are still available for the next event, in conjunction with the Vale of Glamorgan Police, to be held in the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Saturday, December 12.

Tickets are available from Vale Shoe Repair and Trophy Centre, The Precinct, Llantwit Major.

The club is looking for a sponsor to help fund the new boxing gymnasium to be erected at the rear of the Llantwit Hall. Please contact Tony Meakin on 01446 796784 with any ideas.

TM



KENFIG HILL JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Kenfig Hill make it through the rain...

RAIN, rain and more rain! Credit is given to Kenfig Hill and Garw Valley for trudging through the fixture on a sodden pitch in Cornelly.

The mini-Mules gathered an incredible fifteen players despite the atrocious conditions, for which coaches Matthew and Darren thank all of the mums and dads for their commitment.

Garw Valley brought a small squad so agreed to play two shortened games, first against the under-8s.

Continuing their recent improvement, the Mules won their second game in their last three outings, this time by five scores to three.

Captained by the ever-improving Calvin Gorringe, it was the Mules that better managed their cold hands and wet ball.

Luke Tozer was terrier-like in defence, as was Oliver Roberts, neither of whom gave the opposition any space to create opportunities.

It was however Kenfig Hill's regular try-scorers who took the initiative in the challenging conditions. Scoring one each were Dylan Pearson, Tom Watkins and Harry Cooper, giving them four, four and seven tries respectively for the season.

Jack Rundle managed to find time to run in two excellent tries, including one after winning a scrum for the ball on the ground and sprinting clear to score in the corner.

Perhaps the most impressive game for a Mules player belonged to Rhys Perry.

To balance numbers Rhys played for Garw Valley and was equal to any of the visiting players, moving forward at every opportunity and bossing all of their restarts and close-quarter play.

With the Garw Valley players starting to feel the cold and wet, a five minute second game was quickly organised against Kenfig Hill's under-7s.

Tagging in the slippery conditions proved tricky, so it was no surprise that a four-all draw was the result of an end-to-end contest.

Captain Dafydd Jones played with authority, rounding-off an excellent display with a darting run around the defence and along the touchline to score unopposed.

An impressive team score resulted from George Buckley's scurrying run and pop-pass to Ewan Orchard, the latter taking the pass before crashing over from close range to record his second try of the season.

Oliver Pinches and Mark Underhill both touched-

down after weaving through the defence for more than half the length of the pitch.

If only either of these boys was old enough to have played against the Aussies the day before!

Thomas Llewellyn and Alex Underhill completed the team, both boys working extremely hard to confront their older rivals.

UNDER-9s**KENFIG HILL V GARW VALLEY**

WHAT a day for rugby, but the youngsters from Kenfig Hill and Garw decided to brave the elements and play the match.

Connor Brace made a blind side break to score the first for Kenfig Hill, some stout defence from Dante Phillips and the ever improving Jack Underhill helped keep Garw out for much of the half.

Garw created an overlap and eventually scored out wide.

From the next tap off, good work from Phil Burnell and Connor McCarthy resulted in Connor Farnham running and sidestepping his way through the Garw team to score for Kenfig.

Garw tapped off again but sterling play from Leon Jones and Corry Bower turned the ball over and Jack Underhill beat two men to score Kenfig's third.

All players seemed to be getting very cold during the second half and Garw pulled a final try back only for man of the match Jack Underhill to score another splendid individual try to give the score **Kenfig Hill 4, Garw Valley 2.**

Both sides played exceptionally well considering the very poor conditions, the handling, running and overall commitment was brilliant from both teams.

There has to be a special mention for Brandon Jones and Deri Jones of Kenfig Hill as both offered their services to Garw to make the numbers up and both played very well.

Well done boys, what a great attitude.

GOS

Porthcawl too strong for Bryncethin

UNDER-15s**BRYNCEITHIN 5
PORTHCAWL 54**

IN atrocious conditions Bryncethin were determined to contest straight from the start, with a workmanlike pack of forwards they were disruptive and keen to carry the ball to Porthcawl at every opportunity.

Porthcawl's pack and soon gained control through powerful surges from Ben Smith, Nick Lloyd, Dan Evans and Adam Mounce, only stalwart home defence stopped very early.

Both defences stood firm and the game became entrenched in the middle of the field.

As the lads trudged off, sodden to the skin, Porthcawl at least had the warm feeling that their unbeaten run was still intact, but the Sports had pushed them all the way and were a credit to their club.

Man-of-the-match was Ben Davies.

'Seaweeds' maintain unbeaten run

**PORTHCAWL
under-10s
BRIDGEND SPORTS**

**15
5**

AFTER a brief pitch inspection, it was decided to play the fixture at Rest Bay, where the pitches tend to be a lot drier than at South Road, and this turned out to be the case, but the wind still made this a difficult match for all concerned.

Porthcawl, playing 'with the tide' in the first half, scored almost immediately from the kick-off, after some aggressive ball winning from the forwards.

Louis Protheroe claimed the try and the Seaweeds looked good as Joe Stradling went over for the Green and Blacks' second try.

However, the Sports had other ideas and after some intense pressure, they breached the Porthcawl line with some good handling from their backs.

This gave them a huge boost but

Porthcawl had other ideas and dug deep to score another try before half-time through Louis Protheroe.

The half-time break was ignored as the boys switched round for what was to be a scoreless second half, but not through lack of effort.

Good support play by Evan Williams and Jack Taylor enabled Huw Mitchell to score wide out.

Tom Bluck soon followed after with good inter passing to step inside for another try.

Ben Smith was causing havoc with his cutting runs and was also rewarded with a try under the posts, converted by Huw Mitchell.

The first half was completed when Owen Wright cut loose to run 40 meters, scoring under the posts.

Once again converted by Huw Mitchell. Full credit to the home side, but Porthcawl were too sharp. Kieran Bluck and Alex Picton relished the

opportunity to start, and were always in the thick of the battle.

In the second half they ran the ball at every opportunity.

Connor Rees and Geraint Watkins were orchestrating their backs effectively, allowing the free running centres, Tom Bluck and Huw Mitchell to cut holes in the Bryncethin defence.

Lloyd Rosser Stanford was electric on the wing and his two 50 metre tries were special and always posed a threat to the opposition.

Jack Williams (captain) entered the fray and contributed positively, with two excellent tries.

It was now a complete 15 man performance with Declan Brown and Michael Rawson using the ball effectively with the ever present Adam Mounce relishing the contact area.

Rees scored the final try after the pacey Rosser Stanford broke tackle after tackle, slipping the final pass to Rees.

Bryncethin were rewarded for their outstanding efforts with a late consolation try.

PB

LLANGEINOR PONY CLUB ARE IN THE MEDALS AT LEDBURY



The club team show off their rosettes after a successful trip to Ledbury.

DESPITE atrocious

weather conditions,

the members of

Llangeinor Hunt

Pony Club again

came home with the

ribbons and medals

from a Triathlon

competition held by

The Elms School,

Ledbury.

As well as competing

against pupils from the school, other pony clubs were invited to take part.

The competition was keen and there were clubs from all over the Wales and Border regions.

District Commissioner Mrs Marion Elliott, said: "We practise hard in the three disciplines of running swimming and shooting for the Triathlon competitions, as well as their riding

skills, so it's good to see all of our members in the medals and ribbons when they compete against other clubs and schools.

"Mali Howells had Best Shoot and Sera Allin had Best Run and Best Swim, and these are great achievements, and together with their team members Alys Pritchard and Libby Jervis also having high scores, their team came a very commendable first overall.

"Success was achieved also by all of the other Llangeinor members taking part, and all were placed in the rosettes in the competition. They were Sophia Harpin, William Jervis, Ellie Hill and Joel Hill.

"We are thrilled by the results," she added.

Half-century for champ Isabel?

WELSH ladies champion point-to-point rider Isabel Tompsett, who last week rode a 66-1 winner at Chepstow, is looking forward to partnering Beth Roberts's Llangeinor mare Chesnut Annie again this coming hunt-racing season.

This game little mare, who won 10 consecutive point-to-point races to land the national leading horse competition last season, could only finish fourth on her final start in a hunter chase at Stratford at the end of her long campaign and could tackle regulation fences earlier this time.

Isabel needs just one more win between-the-flags for her half-century and with Chesnut Annie's stablemates Its Not Chesnut, who lost her maiden tag at the Brecon and Talbot last season, Copper Carroll and a newcomer to the yard, Tullow Cassane, to ride, Isabel should soon reach a career landmark.

Meanwhile, Up The Boreen, owned by Llangeinor Major estate agent Tony Brown, and trained by former point-to-point rider Phil Williams, was a winner on two occasions last season and Phil is confident that this genuine and consistent performer can win again.

He also expects Monks Castle to do better this time and says that six-year-old Diamondaire, who has been placed over hurdles in Ireland, is "a very

BRIAN LEE

Athletic under-10s enjoy a comfortable win

BRIDGEND Ath under-10s played a friendly against Llantwit Major under-11s last Sunday after their original fixture cancelled.

There was a freezing wind blowing across Newbridge fields but this didn't put off the Ath under 10s who played some superb rugby.

The forwards of Rhys Durlucia, Jac Bassett, Matthew Hibbert, Chris Matthews and Joe Graham worked well as a pack and won plenty of ball for their backs to use.

Man of the match went to Drew Cording who played well and kept encouraging his team mates.

Final score: Ath under-10s 45, Llantwit Major under-11s 5.

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Tim gave an interesting account of his career and business and answered many searching questions, including a request for tips for the next winner!

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Dancing the night away gives Heroes fund a £1,500 lift

CARDIFF Airport staff and regulars of the Flying Club recently sang and supported Help for Heroes by having a Karaoke/Disco night.

The evening was a huge success and a "whopping £1,585.43" was raised in total, of which £200 will be donated to local charity Challenge Wales, a spokesperson reported.

Code-breaker Betty receives service badge

Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the Mayoress, his wife, Joan, admire the Bletchley Park commemorative badge presented to Mrs Betty Sander, a resident of Tower Hill Residential Home, Penarth.

A WOMAN who has been awarded a commemorative badge in recognition of her services at Bletchley Park during the Second World War, has received the congratulations of Vale Coun Emlyn Williams.

Wales area since moving to Cardiff in 1960. Coun Williams said: "Mrs Sander and the thousands of people who worked at Bletchley Park and its outstations, played a vital part in the war effort and the award of a commemorative badge is fitting recognition of their loyal service."

A resident of Tower Hill Residential Home, Penarth, London-born Mrs Betty Sander is 93 years old and served at The Government Code and Cypher School from June, 1940, to the end of the war.

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Mr Nigel Harris – 37 **Smithies Avenue, Sully** – single storey rear extension, alteration to garage and loft conversion.

Mr P Qoss – **66 Porth Y Castell, Barry** – single storey extension to lounge at rear of property.

Galliard Estates Ltd – former **Sully Hospital, Hayes Road, Sully** – in retrospect, the display of four non-illuminated advertisements for the purposes of the sale and letting of property.

Advertisement A – 212cms high, 130cms in width. Advertisement B – 286cms high, 155cms in width (with arrow sign). Advertisement C – 212cms high, 130cms in width. Advertisement D – 286cms high, 155cms in width (with arrow sign).

Dr Miser – **3 Radcliff Walk, Ystradwen** – extension to rear and side (single storey) to house two bedrooms and shared shower room for two disabled children

(amended application).

Mr Michael Davies –

Post Office, 183 Stanwell Road,

Penarth – change of use of former ground floor post office to residential use to create one single dwelling (with the upper two storey apartment).

Mr Stephen Hurst – **4 St Teilo Avenue, Barry** – two bedroom semi-detached dwelling.

Mrs Marjorie Anderson – **15 Hickman Road,**

Penarth – dismantle rear chimney stock and slate over.

Mr Martin Brook – **47 Porth-y-Castell, Barry**

– glazed enclosure to existing balcony.

Mr Paul Thomas – **Lydmore Farm,**

Dyffryn – demolition of existing lean-to sheds and erection of new extension containing entrance hall and living room. Alteration and extension to create new utility and breakfast rooms.

New Broad Street

Motors Limited – **New Broad Street Motors Ltd, Broad Street,**

Barry – removal of existing timber screens and dwarf brick walls to front elevation facing onto Broad Street.

Replacement with new aluminium framed screens and some areas of infill brickwork.

Replacement of existing fascia above.

Eclipse Hotels – **Holiday Inn Cardiff Airport, Port Road,**

Rhose – three sets of

replacement illuminated letters, one replacement part illuminated free-standing signs, one new post mounted sign and building illumination.

Mr Dermot Creegan – **Waterton House, Brocastle** – double

storey extension to side of existing house to provide a family room and bedroom.

Mr Dave Francis – **rear of 25 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – a new split-level detached bungalow with associated car parking and garden amenity space.

Mr David Watkins – **4 Highlight Lane, Barry** – retention of garage.

Mrs Nina Chivers – **41 Marine Drive, Barry**

– proposed loft conversion, roof alterations and garden store/workshop (domestic use only).

Mr John and Mrs Sue Bride – **Breinton, Twynycn, Dinas Powys**

– infill of existing porch to front elevation with new replacement balustrading to balcony at first floor.

Julian and Kathy Baines – **Brynglas, Sully Road, Penarth** – proposed first floor extension over existing ground floor to provide master suite.

Mr Mark Thomas – **12 Marine Walk, Ogmore-by-Sea** – first floor extension and extended balcony to front of existing house.

Mr James Brennan – **327 Barry Road, Barry**

– new vehicular access and formation of hard-

standing to front.

Mr Robert Hort – **P & A Joinery & Glazing, Herbert Street and Gilbert Street, Barry**

– demolition of existing joinery and glass factory and construction of 21 one and two bedroom housing association flats in linked two and three storey blocks, with on site parking and landscaped areas.

Ms P Cranston – **2 Grove Terrace,**

Penarth – demolition of existing rear annex and construction of two storey rear extension.

Mr Neill O'Donovan – **10 Robin Hill, Dinas Powys** – garden shed/store.

Mr Dick Jones – **40 Bron y Glyn, Rhosneigr**

– proposed garage conversion.

Mr Nigel England – **Pwll-y-Darren Farm, Welsh St Donats, Cowbridge**

– installation of one 11KW Gaia wind turbine, mounted on an 18m free standing mast on a 5m2 concrete base. The turbine is a twin-bladed design and is manufactured as a single composite unit 13m in diameter.

Mrs B Pidgeon – **Melrose, swanbridge Road, Sully** – proposed parking bay/crossover.

Mr and Mrs C Williams – **The Three Tuns, St Nicholas** – demolish

existing single storey

outbuilding to rear, con-

struct new single storey

extension to rear wing

adjacent to western

boundary.

Mr Andrew Thomas – **New Breach Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge**

– relocation of access serving property.

Mr and Mrs RD Mundy – **Meadow lane, Penarth** – new two bed-

roomed bungalow.

Mr Shaun Ryan – **Crynnall, Llancafnan**

– double storey extension to side of property.

Mr and Mrs S Davies – **27 Heol Leubren, Pencoedtre, Barry**

– single storey side exten-

sion and new rear vehic-

ular access.

Mr Colin Anstee – **Willow Cottage, Treoys**

– lawful development certificate for use of barn for storing agricultural and horticultural machines used on smallholding and in Anstee Landscapes & Tree Felling Contractors Ltd

and the retention of

lean-to structure used to

repair machines for

smallholding and busi-

ness.

Mr John Jones – **Works compound adjacent to Building 159, West Camp, St Athan (MoD)**

– proposed new technical stores building.

Mr Quinn – **Garnllwyd, Llancafnan** – two storey rear extension.

Tesco Stores Ltd – **Tesco Stores Ltd, Terra Nova Way, Penarth**

– replacement of existing recycling area with new Tomra automated recycling machine and associated car parking.

Mr Paul Phillips – **12 Pembroke Close, Dinas Powys**

– proposed single storey extension to rear.

Powys – proposed single storey extension to front and two storey extension to rear.

Mr and Mrs J Canning – **79 Castle Drive, Dinas Powys**

– two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Mr P Cale – **Crown Hill Fields, Argae Lane, Westra, Dinas Powys**

– block of timber stables for stabling horses.

Mr JF and Mrs G Thomas – **The Cross, Church Road, Llanblethian**

– remove conifer from rear garden.

ESA Tree Care Ltd – **1 Kingscombe Cottages, Factory Lane, Llanblethian** – pollard willow in rear garden.

Mr C Terry – **Woodlands Lodge, Bonvilston**

– removal of two pines, one Eucalyptus and row of laurels.

Ms J Thomas – **Beechcroft, Llancafnan**

– removal of three Leylandii.

Alison Enterprises – **90 Fontygary Road, Rhosneigr**

– construction of five two storey detached houses with detached single storey garages, new private driveway access onto fontygary Road.

Miss Alison Steele – **OS field parcel 1182, Llansannor**

– place a mobile field shelter and mobile tool shed on the field (retrospective).

Mr Nathan Strong – **8 Seaview Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – proposed single storey extension to rear.

The Governors and Trustees – **Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, Pendoylan** – demolition of temporary classrooms, construction of extension, refurbishment of existing school, access and parking improvements. Provide two storey temporary

Mr Grainger – 37 Somerset Road, Barry

– porch to front.

Mr Martin Rees – **Coach House Farm, Michaelston Le Pit**

– proposed loose housing cattle accommodation building to include a parlour and dairy with slurry storage facilities. Proposed machinery, feed and straw storage building.

Mr Richard Balman – **6 Wyndham Street, Barry**

– two storey extension (amendments to previously approved scheme reference 08/00042/FUL).

Paulett Farms – **Ty Draw Farm, Llantrithyd**

– three bedroom agricultural dwelling house.

Mrs Annalisa Jones – **149 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys**

– outline application for two-three bed detached dwelling with some matters reserved.

Mrs Hilary Bennett – **27 Station Street, Barry**

– proposed bathroom extension.

Connections Design – **Sheepcourt Farm, Bonvilston**

– two storey side extension and conservatory to rear.

The Governors and Trustees – **Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, Pendoylan**

– demolition of temporary classrooms, construction of extension, refurbishment of existing school, access and parking improvements. Provide two storey temporary

accommodation during construction work.

Mr Damien McKenna – **22 Heol Corswigen, Barry** – proposed first floor extension.

Dow Corning Ltd – **Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry** – construct an open steel structure for the support of process vessel and pipework as an extension to the existing W949 structure.

Hurley & Davies Ltd – **12 Paget Road, Barry Island** – proposed refurbishment of 12 Paget Road to provide A3 use cafe/restaurant to lower ground and ground floor with proposed rear extension to the existing residential dwelling to floors above.

Mr Rees – **The Coach House, Bolgoed Farm, Hensol Road, Hensol** – conversion of disused barn to bedroom and single storey extension to existing dwelling.

Mr T Pack – **48 Fommion Road, Rhosneigr** – existing roof increase by approximately 1m and rear extension to existing bungalow.

Mr Simon Sandford-Taylor – **9 Nantlais, Corntown** – extension of kitchen-diner.

Hanson Quarry Products – **Forest Fawr Farm, Forest Road, Llanharry** – western extension to Fforest Wood Quarry.

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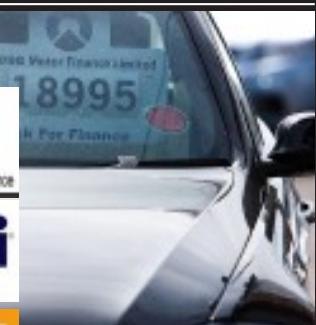
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THE SEA VIEW LADS IN A STRUGGLE WITH THE WEATHER (and the fish!)

FISHING has been unpredictable at Sea View Lads Angling Club during the past month as has the weather.

Congers and rays together with dogs and whiting, have made the scales with many undersized pin whiting, and even baby codling being caught.

The first leg of the

Christmas competition

was fiercely contested

with nearly 40 anglers,

yet most were fishless

on the day and suffered

a constant deluge and

north easterly winds to

add to the misery!

The club is confident

that next week's compe-

tition, the second leg of

the Christmas event,

will be a better affair with lots of fish and hot balmy weather!

Results: November 29 –

– Christmas leg one –

1st, E Collins, 10lb 15ozs conger; 2nd, N Warner, 2lb 10ozs pout; 3rd, G Morgan,

1lb 12ozs dog; 4th, P Coles, 1lb 5ozs dog, pout; 5th, I Ladner, 1lb 4ozs whiting; 6th, G Cushen, 1lb 3ozs whiting;

conger, pout and slug;

3rd, L McDonald, 4lb 11ozs thornback ray; 4th, B Harris, 1lb 2oz pouts; 5th, A Harris, 12ozs pout; 6th, W Taylor, 8oz pout.

November 6 – 1st, J Wyatt, 8lb 4ozs conger, pout; 2nd, R Louther, 11lbs 8ozs smal-

eyed ray; 3rd, E Collins, 7lbs 15ozs conger, pout; 3rd, J Wyatt, 10ozs pout; 4th, M Langford, 1lb

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oz dog; 5th, A Jones, 14ozs dog.

November 1 – 1st, R Louther, 11lbs 8ozs smal-

eyed ray; 2nd, E Collins, 7lbs 10ozs conger, pout; 3rd, J Wyatt, 5lbs 6ozs conger; 4th, H Williams, 1lbs 10ozs slug, pout; 5th, A Harris, 1lbs 4ozs dog; 6th, M Langford, 14ozs pout.

The A team have also had a good start to the season and both are currently third in their respective divisions in the Cardiff and District leagues.

The B team, made up of 14-17 year olds, are playing brilliantly against adult teams and have won five out of six games in division six.

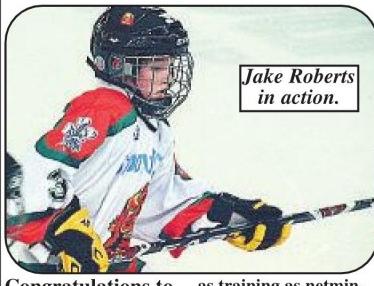
They are playing with skill and maturity beyond their years and are a joy to watch. Their captain and vice captain, Megan Doyle and Amber Pringle, are doing a great job and should be proud of their

Anyone wishing to play netball should contact Linda Rees on 01446749965 and new players aged 8-adult are always welcome.

Training takes place every Monday in term time at the Colcot Sports hall (New Hall).

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Jake makes hockey squad



Jake Roberts in action.

Congratulations to Jake Roberts of St David's School, Colwinston, on his selection by the under-11s South West Conference ice hockey team for 2009-10.

Jake plays as a first line defender for the Cardiff Junior Devils under-12s team, as well

as training as netmin-

der with the under-14s.

The South West Conference team is selected from the top young ice hockey talent in the south west, and 23 have been selected for the training squad, with just 20 chosen to represent their regions at annual tournaments in Holland and Hull. LR

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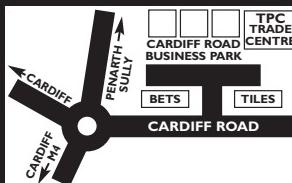


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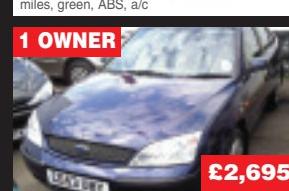
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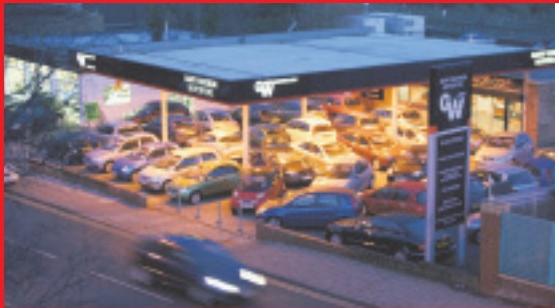


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The regions too are responsible for the state of Welsh play

BACK PAGE COMMENT by DON JOHN

If one of the key objectives of the autumn internationals was to ascertain if the gap between the two hemispheres really has narrowed, the home nations, with the possible exception of Ireland, will be disappointed, as the results were patchy and at best inconclusive.

The battling Irish have some cause for satisfaction from typically robust displays, culminating in Saturday's 15-10 win over weary world champions, South Africa; while Scotland edged out Australia, but were then in turn stymied by Argentina - who were unlucky to be once-mighty England's sole autumn scalp.

What, though, of Wales? The 2008 Grand Slam champions may have slipped back somewhat since those heady early days of the Gatland-Edwards regime, yet they still provided a large percentage of the British & Irish Lions squad who ran the world champions so close in South Africa last summer, and were hoping to claim three big southern hemisphere scalps out of four on home soil.

In the event, they were easily contained by Graham Henry's All Blacks, narrowly defeated Samoa, and had Shane Williams to thank for punishing error-ridden Argentina, before their own endemic flaws were finally exposed by a rampant Australia, who ran in four tries in the 33-12 rout at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday.

True, the Welsh squad had been cruelly hit by injuries to key players - and then on the eve of the match they lost their main ball-carrier, inspirational skipper Ryan Jones; before Lady Luck glowered again - with Shane Williams, Matthew Rees and Leigh Halfpenny all departing the field of play with injuries.

It is doubtful, though, if the result would have been any different had they remained, for the previously misfiring Australians came to Cardiff determined to vent all the frustrations of their short tour on hapless Wales.

They had a single-minded mission to stifle and destroy, signalling their intention at the very first scrum, and finally exposing the Welsh Achilles' heel, the lack of a specialist tight head, in the absence of the near-irreplaceable Adam Jones.

They then proceeded to contain and then systematically dismantle Wales in every aspect of play, without ever really being extended, smoothly running in their four tries, while comfortably defending

their own line and limiting the home team to just four successful penalties.

Once again, the Welsh game plan founded on the all too familiar pattern of often unforced basic errors.

Last week, I wrote that '*consistency, control, and precision continue to be three elusive targets...*' and these fundamental requirements for success were again woefully absent against the Wallabies.

As the Wales camp ruefully reflect on the lessons they have been taught by two of the three southern hemisphere giants, it can only be hoped that these will be absorbed and applied in the Six Nations, as the Rugby World Cup looms ever larger on the horizon.

In this respect, though, their destiny is not entirely in the hands of the national team coaches, as the responsibility for the standard of Welsh play surely has to be shared by the next tier down - the four Welsh regions, whose lack of '*consistency, control and precision*' (never mind individual skill levels and creativity) is reflected in their continuing lack of success on the big stage.

Perhaps instead of constant off-field moaning over levels of WRU funding, and player-release issues, the regions' leaders should sit down with the national coaching team and commit to a coordinated master-plan - agree on-field objectives, and finally move the erratic displays, at both regional and national level, out of the Welsh propensity for rugby's equivalent of 'boom and bust'.

Then the kind of public humbling seen on Saturday (and even more devastatingly at the hands of lowly Fiji during the last World Cup) could truly become a thing of the past.

What a great reward that would be for the legions of paying fans who loyally pack the Millennium Stadium each and every time Wales play!

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The pick of the other games

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Porthcawl Athletic teams sport sponsored new kit



ABOVE: Porthcawl Athletic Football Club under-8s Blues Team were recently presented with new jackets by sponsor Clay Shaw Thomas. With the team in the photograph are : Gwyn Williams (Clay Shaw Thomas), Scott Rundle, Michael Pearson (coach), Kerri and Ockert Booyse, and Steve Williams (coach). (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).



ABOVE: Porthcawl Athletic under-8s Whites were recently presented with a new kit by sponsor Nottage Forge. Included in the picture are Kerri and Ockert Booyse of Nottage Forge, and Pedro Martinez (coach). (Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

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